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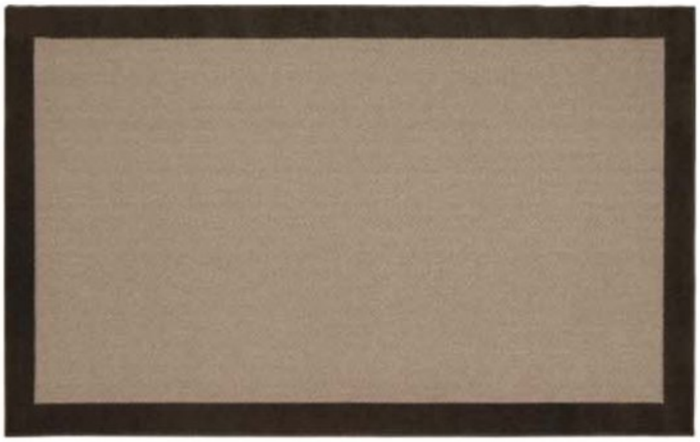

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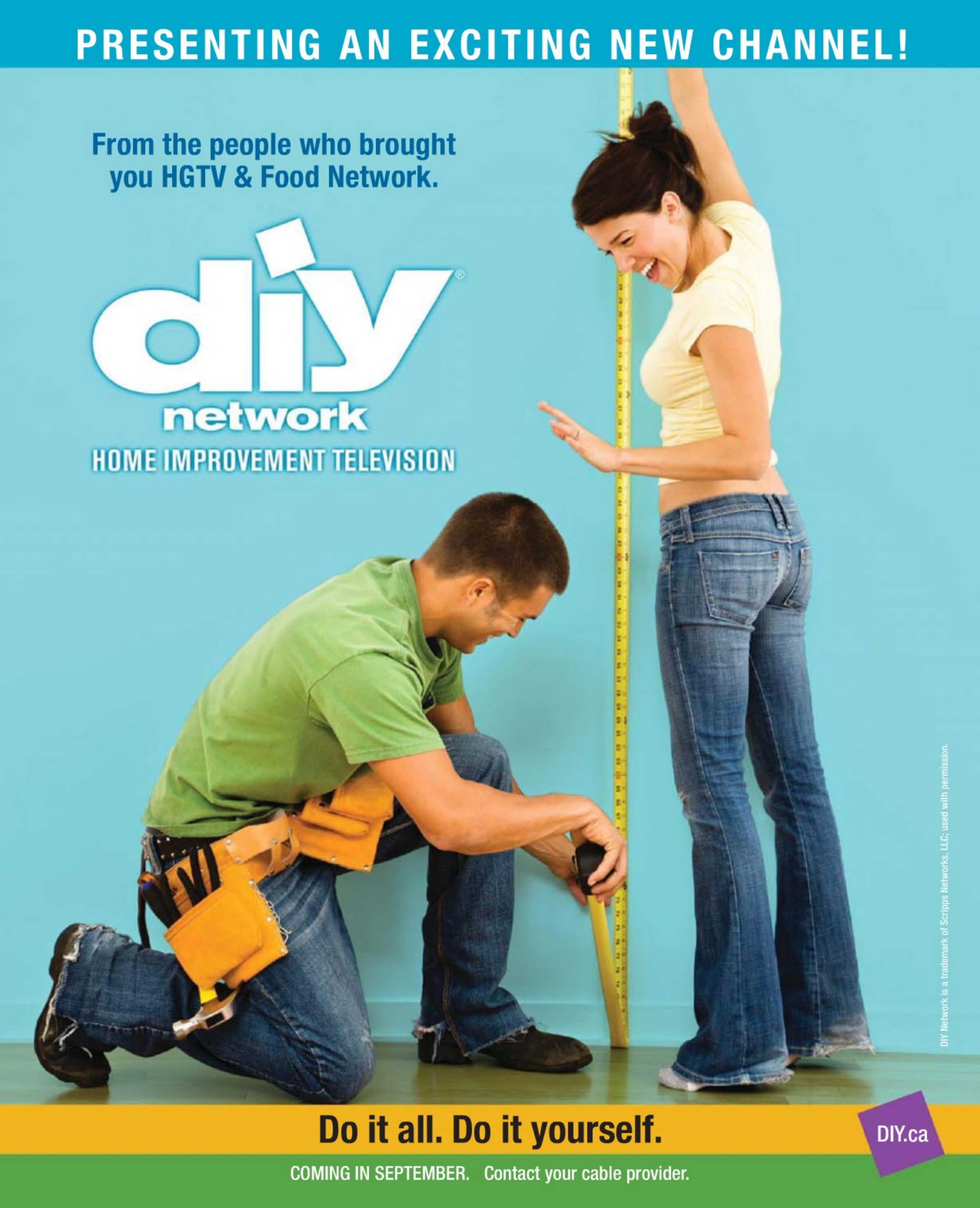
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A growing family enjoys extra seating in this *très chic* dining room designed by Sloan Mauran (page 104)
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I was recently invited to brunch by a neighbour who loves entertaining. After I'd finished my baked French toast and decoratively cut melon pieces (tiny flowers of watermelon and hand-cut cantaloupe letters), I decided I never wanted to leave.

Her clutter-free kitchen was warm and inviting, and the adjoining rooms flowed seamlessly from one to the other. Working with an architect, my hostess had taken a staid century home and turned it into a sleek, light-filled modern home. The results were impressive, but what struck me most was how much I wanted to loll in the serene comfort she had cultivated. The carefully designed spaces were brimming with her personality. She loves sweets, so there was barely a surface without a bowl or vase full of brightly coloured treats. As we wandered from room to room, she munched away, making me feel totally at home.

Whether you go for contemporary design or veer toward romantic vintage style, the quest to create a home that reflects your personality *and* welcomes friends and family is common. Who doesn't want a space that makes guests feel like lingering a while?

In this annual makeover issue, my first working with the talented *Style at Home* team, we bring you many examples of beautifully transformed spaces, from kids' rooms to refined entertaining spaces. Hopefully you'll come away with a head full of ideas to make your own home a little more exciting and a little more you. My current challenge is to create a calm, sophisticated place for me in my bedroom – which I share with my husband, dog and, frequently, a three-year-old boy. Wish me luck!

Jane

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meet our new editor

A little about Jane Francisco, who's now heading the team at **style at home.**

CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF Sunglasses + silk quilts

DECORATING PET PEEVE Bevelled floorboards

INSPIRATION Art exhibits – I always feel totally energized after a good show. Recent notables: Dia:Beacon (Beacon, N.Y.), The Menil Collection (Houston), new + improved AGO (Toronto)

CHILDHOOD FANTASY To wear a suit + carry a briefcase…or live on the *Love Boat*

FOOD OF CHOICE Italian. I once had spaghetti bolognese every day for six months straight

DREAM DESTINATION The Prada outlet in Montevarchi, Italy

MOST TREASURED POSSESSION My son

BIGGEST DECORATING MISTAKE Putting off finishing touches till I decided to sell my house

TRUE LUXURY IS An all-access pass to the Cannes film festival…or 80° in the shade, toes in the pool with a book + a whiskey sour (no sugar, heavy on the rocks)

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REPEAT READS *Pride and Prejudice* (Jane Austen), *The Awakening* (Kate Chopin), *Cause Celeb* (Helen Fielding) + anything by Anna Maxted

GUEST OR HOSTESS Both. I love dinner parties – they feel very grown up. I love to plan. I love to eat. I'm happy to serve or be served

FAVE FLOWER Peonies

check out…



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Not just for walls – pretty projects with wallpaper remnants.



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Transform a room with a hit of gorgeous colour.



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Trendy appetizers: tasty, healthy, spicy beets!

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this issue We Love It! (page 44). "The studio smelled so nice with all of the different scents for the home from the story." **makeover agenda** "While my Mom's away on holiday, my siblings and I are painting the inside of her house, and doing some kitchen and bathroom upgrades. I hope she likes it – if not, it was all my brother's idea!" **dream bathroom** "A big soaker tub, heated floor tiles, and a cute guy to hand me the towel when I get out of the tub!" **october evokes…** "The fact that summer is over – time to get out the mittens."

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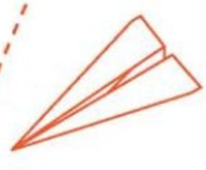
this issue Streamlined Cottage Style (page 112). "It's great that Sam [Pynn] and Virginia [Macdonald] were able to create a space that was both environmentally responsible and oh-so-pretty at the same time." **upcoming travels** "None at the moment, though many moments are spent at my desk daydreaming of the Italian coastal villages of Cinque Terre." **couldn't live without** "Books – I love big wooden bookcases overflowing with them." **makeover agenda** "I'm in the process of replacing my kitchen backsplash with a mosaic-pattern glass tile." **october evokes…** "A feeling of thanks and gratitude."





shannon ross photographer

this issue Decorator's Notebook (page 76). "Whenever I shoot decor, I always feel like I'm on the inside track of what's hot and what's not." **couldn't live without** "Music. I stream Internet radio through my wireless network, and I think it's such a fun thing – it's like having your own DJ or jukebox." **makeover agenda** "My wife and I have been renovating our home in Toronto's Danforth neighbourhood for the past five years – it's no longer scary and gross, but instead airy and stylish. I'm going to take on the kitchen and powder room throughout the fall." **october evokes…** "Freshly harvested apples – preferably Cortland."





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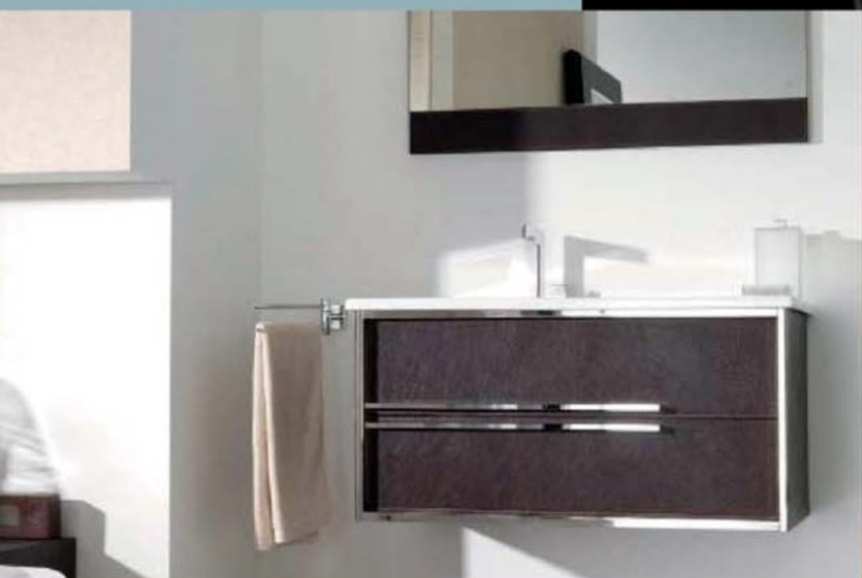
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I've reread the August 2009 issue several times, drooling over the pictures, especially the cover, as I want so badly to have my own cottage in P.E.I. (a frequent holiday spot for my husband and me). I'm so in love with the entire coastal concept that our new-construction bungalow in suburban Ottawa has become a quasi-coastal cottage with treasures from our oceanfront holidays. One of my prized possessions is a heart-shape rock I found on Cove Head Beach in P.E.I. on our 20th anniversary. Seeing the piles of red rocks on shelves and tabletops made me think that come fall, there's possibly another trip down home to Halifax. As a subscriber, I always enjoy your magazine, but this issue, by far, has become my favourite – thank you so much! I'm absolutely giddy knowing that my seashore decor is in style. LINDA ST PIERRE, STITTSVILLE, ONT.

MISS LABELLED

It's been awhile since I've read such an insulting article towards women (Wine & Spirits, August 2009). Buying a bottle of wine because it looks good on your granite countertop? Give me a break! A cute label might get you to try a bottle of wine once, but it's got to be good to get you to pick it up a second time – too cute of a label just comes across as cheap. And no screw tops for me, thanks, I can get a cork out of a bottle just fine. CAROLE CASSELLI, VIA E-MAIL

NOTE Of course, a wine with a cute label must prove its worth before it's purchased a second time. The same applies to a wine with a very boring label. What's cute and what's boring is, of course, a matter of personal taste. Whether it's an idyllic vineyard, a baby kangaroo or a little black dress that gets your attention is irrelevant. The point is that it catches someone's eye. When I interviewed one woman, she told me she loves the taste of Wolf Blass Grey Label, and she thinks the bottle looks good on her countertop. I approve of her wine choice as well as her reasons. People are motivated in different ways, and I think that's perfectly fine. It's great that you can pull a cork easily and competently, but many people can't, like my mother, who still wants to enjoy a glass of wine every day. The news that more men than women prefer to use a traditional corkscrew to pull a cork is in no way a slight against women. It's a fact. It's also true, by the way, that the industry is increasingly recognizing that the screw cap closure is actually a wise choice because it offers effortless access and is better for the potential lasting power of the wine itself. Moreover, some of the most expensive wines use screw caps to protect wine for cellaring. Thanks for taking the time to write. Cheers, Konrad Ejbich

OOPS! The paint colour code for the living room, kitchen and master bedroom in "Natural Connections," from the May 2009 issue was listed incorrectly; it should have read Antique White OC-83 by Benjamin Moore.

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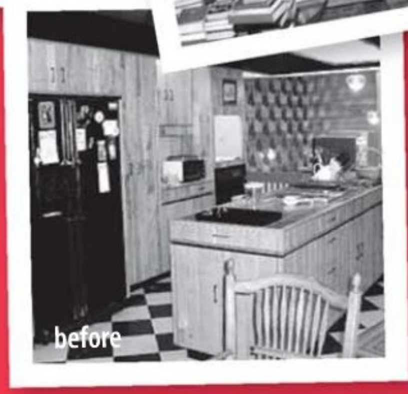
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what's new



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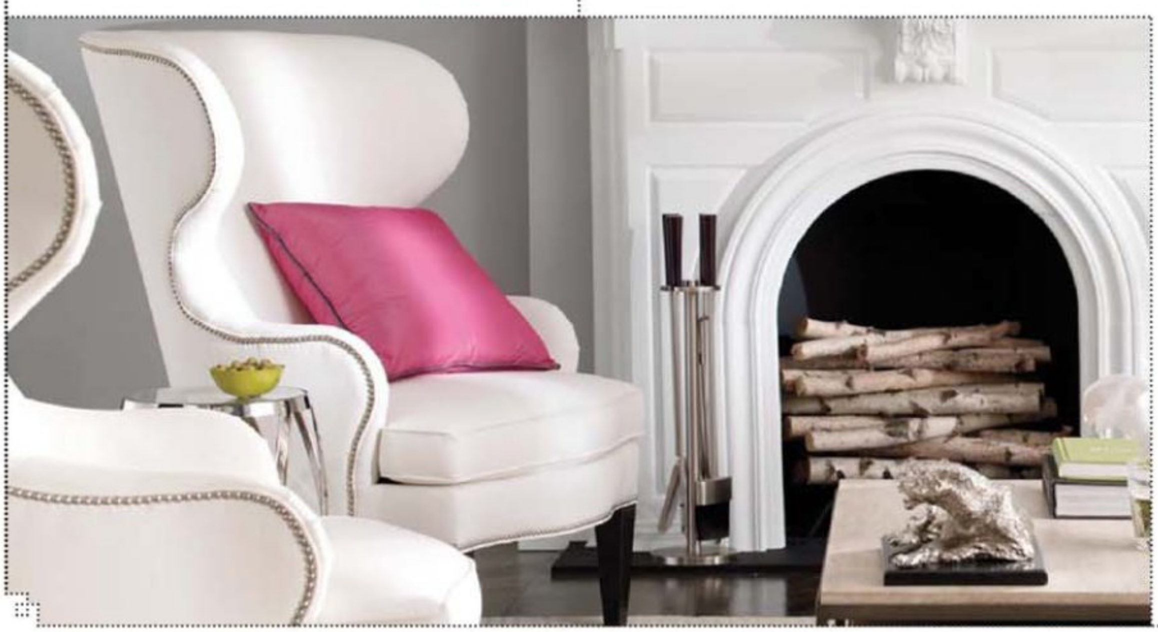
nailhead



If this upholstery detail conjures images of overstuffed leather furniture and gentlemen's studies, you may want to take another look. Nailhead is now gracing furniture that's shapely and feminine, exaggerating the curves of this season's romantic new releases.







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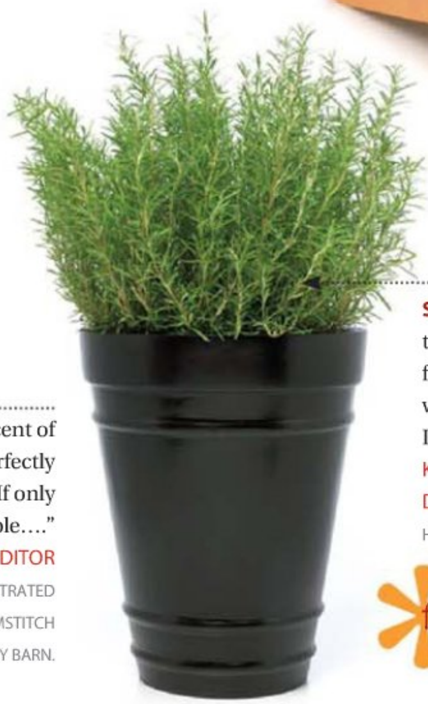
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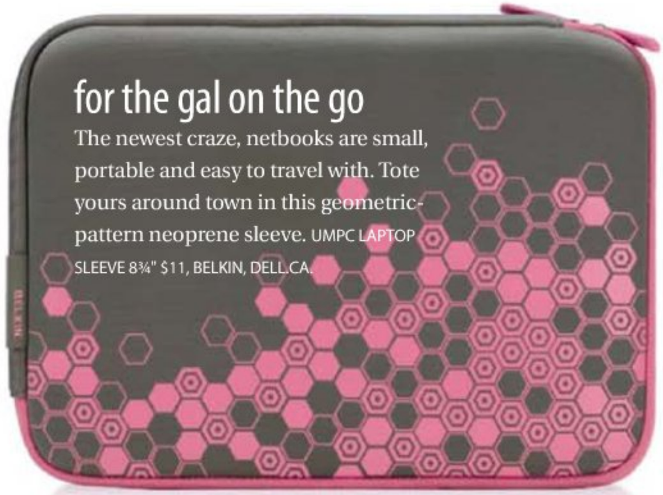


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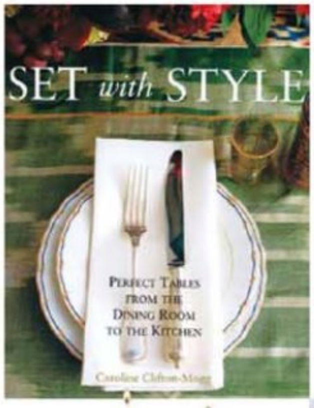
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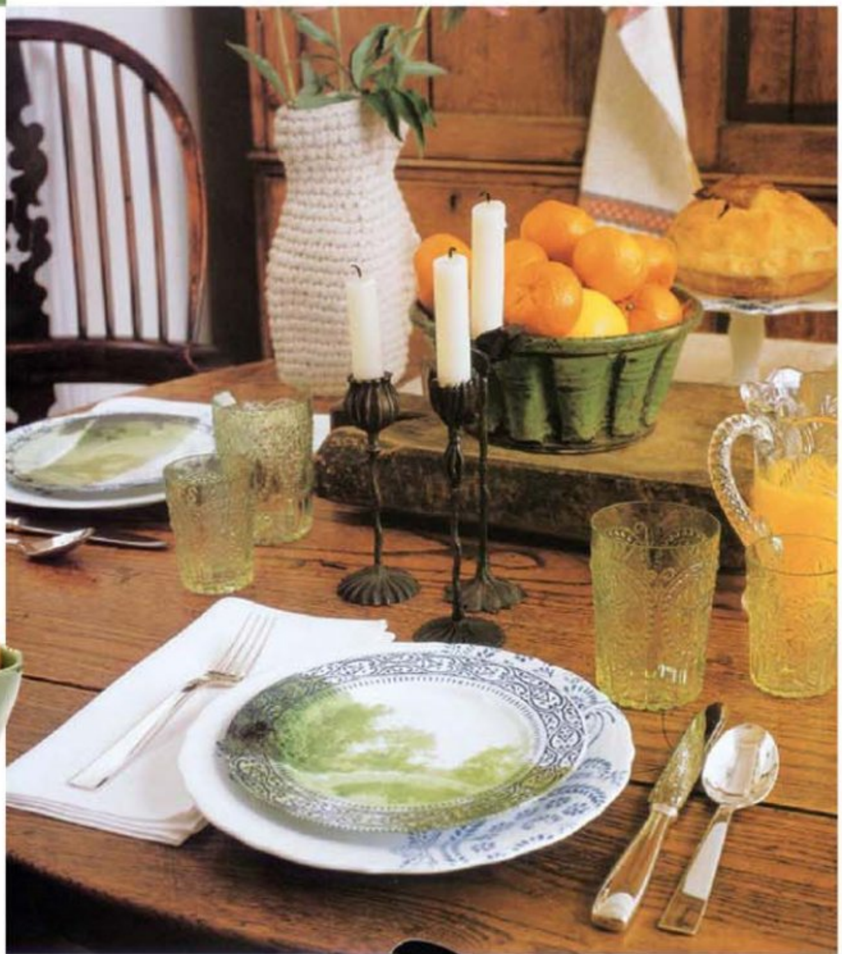
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buk & nola

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What do you get when you combine a bohemian Montreal address with chic, eclectic home accessories? Buk & Nola, of course! Located in the Plateau Mont-Royal borough of Montreal and opened in January by co-owners Caroline Jodoin and Laurence Marinacci, Buk & Nola is a haven for hot home decor and urban trendsetters. As for the name? "We totally made it up!" says Caroline. "The name represents the two styles in our store – 'buk' includes the colourful, bold and whimsical, while 'nola' is the soft, feminine, romantic side."

Caroline and Laurence could not be more on-key with the store's name. From cute animal silhouette throw cushions by Naked Decor, $48 each, to soft organic cotton tea towels from Denmark, $20 each, Buk & Nola has a little something for everyone. If you're not already sold on the store (how could you not be?), you'll surely be drawn to Buk & Nola's loftlike architecture: rustic exposed brick walls and creaky worn-down hardwood floors act as the backdrop for the stylish, graphic homewares inspired by small boutiques in the U.K. and California.

Lovers of Mother Earth are not left behind – Buk & Nola aims to represent a way of life rather than be just another home store. Caroline and Laurence scout for old furniture to revamp into one-of-a-kind pieces, and also promote enviro-conscious artisans who use organic cottons and eco-friendly inks. →







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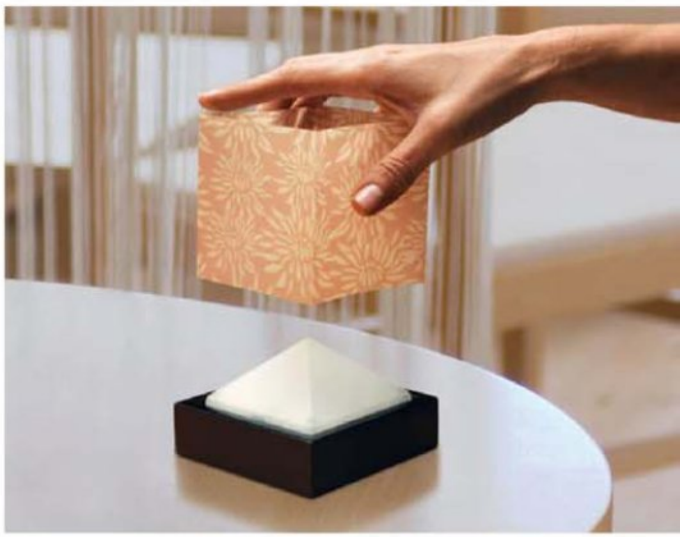
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da vinci's home

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With its newly expanded digs overlooking the breathtaking Burrard Inlet and the Lions Gate Bridge in West Van's North Shore neighbourhood, it's safe to say this Da Vinci is experiencing a renaissance of its own. What started 13 years ago as a 340 sq. ft. giftware shop has blossomed into one of Vancouver's largest galleries of Global Views Furniture and Accessories, as well as Arteriors lighting. The now-1,500 sq. ft. showroom gives the store's visual merchandising masters more space to craft artful vignettes of affordably priced custom-framed prints and paintings, Ryan Studio cushions and Michael Aram serveware. "It's really a team effort," says owner Christin Fernandes of the store's constantly refreshed displays. "The vignettes are what inspire the clients to try something new and be more daring with their choices."

leon's at the roundhouse

Toronto, 255 Bremner Blvd., 416-642-0630; leons.ca

How's this for a before-and-after success story? Toronto's John St. Roundhouse, built in 1929 as a Canadian Pacific steam locomotive service shed, has been given a loving facelift to make room for a new tenant – Canada's big-box furniture and appliance behemoth, Leon's. The Roundhouse reno team, led by heritage architect Don Loucks, blasted away the locomotive steam exhaust buildup of 80 years, uncovering a loft lover's dream of raw Douglas fir, brick and glass. The irony in the painstaking restoration? "This is the quickest we've ever set up a store," says president Terry Leon of the 40,000 sq. ft. showroom. Designed to respect the architectural integrity of the National Historic Site, the store has a polished-concrete floor that floats above existing train servicing pits, and lighting that's clipped to supporting rafters, making it easily removable.



before



after

* for more behind-the-scenes action at the roundhouse, check out ASSOCIATE DESIGN EDITOR BRETT WALTHER'S BLOG AT STYLEATHOME.COM/STYLESLEUTH





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diary of a *makeover*

Kim Johnson's popular blog, Desire To Inspire (desiretoinspire.net), follows the ongoing reno of her Ottawa home. As each step plays out, readers burn up the blogosphere to check out her drab-to-fab transformations – to the tune of 350,000 hits each month. By Brett Walther

style at home On Desire To Inspire, you and co-blogger Jo Walker started off posting shots of inspiring interiors from around the world. Why bring your blog "home," with your own reno?
kim johnson I thought it would be a great way to help other reno newcomers, and to motivate them. If I could design the kitchen of my dreams and have it realized successfully without ever having done a reno of this magnitude before, then anyone could do it. I was also curious to hear readers' thoughts about some of my purchases and design decisions. The mostly positive feedback was really nice; it boosted my confidence.

S@H What were your priorities for the reno?
KJ First, to open up the space – a wall was removed between the kitchen and living room. Second, to add more storage. My house is only 12' wide, and the kitchen is only 12' x 13', so creating decent flow through the space was a necessity. That was especially important since the kitchen is situated between the living room and the office. →

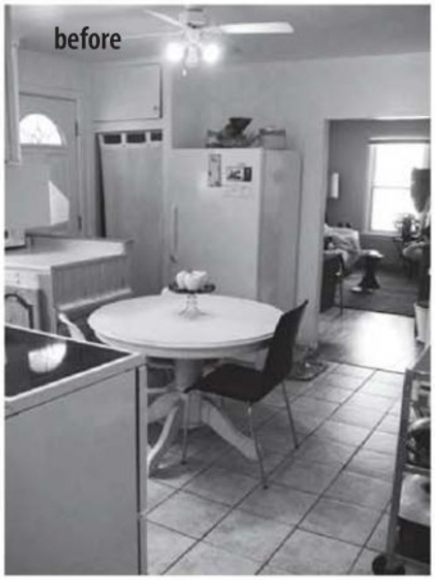


NOISY & INEFFICIENT To say that Kim Johnson's old kitchen wasn't working for her is an understatement. Among her complaints? The dishwasher made a racket when it ran. Plus, the cabinets were cheap, and most of the doors were coming off the hinges.



INVITING & ORGANIZED Storage space abounds in the new kitchen, which has 25 drawers for all of Kim's cool tools. She upgraded from a basic electric range to a sleek stainless professional gas model by Fisher & Paykel – a splurge she'd always dreamed of – and replaced the awful tan laminate counter with luxe quartz.

PHOTOGRAPHY COURTESY OF KIM JOHNSON



S@H And how did you end up choosing an L-shape configuration for the open-concept space?

KJ That decision came about because I really love the gingko wood cabinets from Greentea Design (greenteadesign.com) – they agreed to supply the cabinetry if I blogged about the installation. The Asian-style cabinets look like furniture and are freestanding. The stain, door front and hardware options are so fabulous a galley layout just wouldn't have done them justice. Plus, I can remove the cabinets and take them with me if I move. This configuration also allowed me to have the dining table in the centre of the room – and now I don't have to get up to grab seconds!



FALLING SHORT "Before, the fridge was just a fridge, so I had to keep a chest freezer in the basement," says Kim. "And the lighting was so inefficient I had to put a small lamp on the counter." **LIGHT BRIGHT** Kim snagged a trio of funky pendants for a total of $360. "I love their industrial look – they contrast nicely with the cabinetry," says the savvy shopper. Artemide's Tolomeo Mini swing-arm lights flank the range hood.

S@H What advice would you give to anyone considering a kitchen remodel?

KJ Scour the Internet for photos. After looking at many different styles, I find you start to narrow down exactly what makes a kitchen work for you, functionally and aesthetically. Also, look at the small appliances and gadgets you use, so you can design your kitchen to fit those items. Consider going with cabinets from a specialized company like Greentea Design instead of a big-box store. They may be more expensive, but often the result is cabinetry that resembles furniture and makes a major statement. Plus, in my case, the design team was so helpful, particularly in the planning stage when they created digital sketches that brought the whole space to life.

S@H Any post-reno regrets?

KJ One thing I'd do differently is not live in the house during the reno. The amount of drywall dust and chaos were a little too much. I took three weeks off work and locked myself in my bedroom with the cats while the major work was going on.

S@H So what's next on your reno list?

KJ Both of my bathrooms – a powder room and a full bath – are absolutely hideous. I'm really looking forward to gutting them.

kim's favourite blogs

So many blogs, so little time – Desire To Inspire blogger Kim Johnson shares her fave online decorating destinations.

remodelista.com "These four design-savvy women have their fingers on the pulse. They call their site a 'sourcebook for the considered home.'"

doorsixteen.com "Anna is a book cover designer and home renovating queen whose gradual renovation of her Newburgh, N.Y., home is always inspiring. I want to hate this woman, but she's so talented and sweet, and her house rocks!"

poppytalk.blogspot.com "Promotes emerging design talent. Jan may be based in Vancouver, but Poppytalk takes it worldwide."

designspongeonline.com "Grace breaks the news on all things craftilicious and offers sneak peeks into the coolest homes."

apartmenttherapy.com "They have it all – readers' dilemmas, house tours (mine was featured!), new product launches and DIYs."

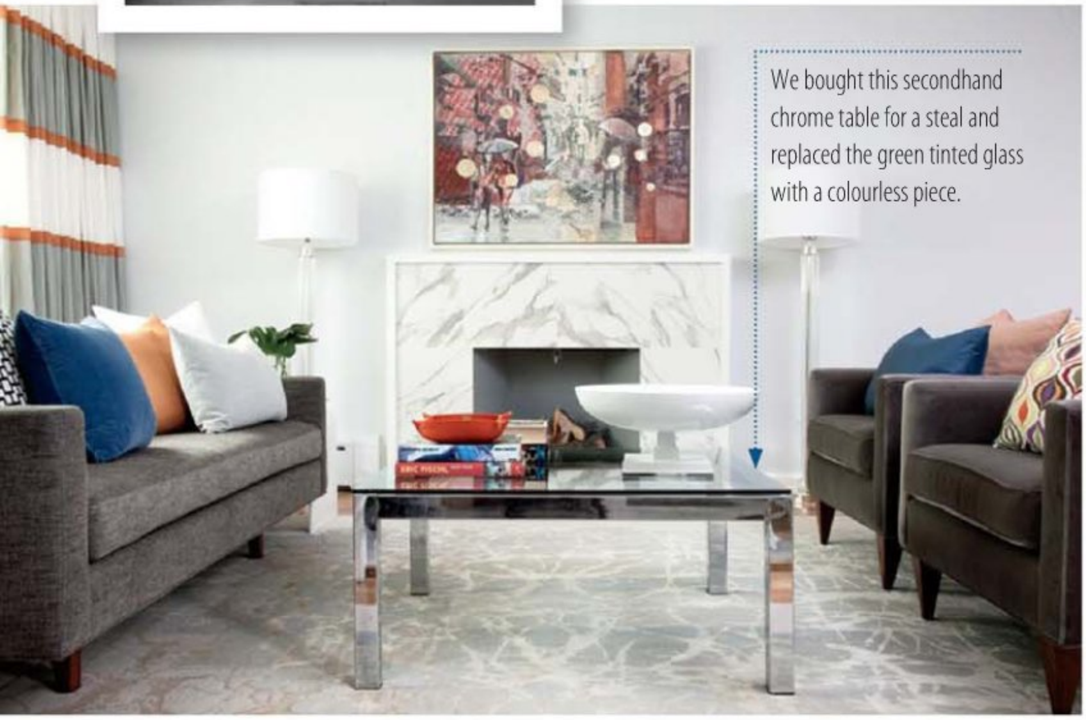
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their **forever house**

the space Lauren and Mike's living room.
the challenge The Toronto couple, who have a four-year-old daughter, recently bought what they call their "forever" home but weren't ready for a major reno.
the result Samantha Pynn delivers a grown-up but livable room.



We bought this secondhand chrome table for a steal and replaced the green tinted glass with a colourless piece.



a hardworking sofa

Lauren and Mike purchased a long, narrow sofa with contemporary lines and upholstered in polyester. Fabric houses like Robert Allen are producing fabulous patterns in recycled polyester and recycled-polyester blends. If, like Lauren and Mike, you have a young child and a family pet, polyester is a long-lasting option. Plus, spills are a cinch to clean since polyester is more forgiving than natural fabrics. We placed the sofa in front of the large window to take advantage of the natural light.

the fireplace surround

It looks like marble but it's actually porcelain! We couldn't salvage the mantel of the original fireplace, so *Pure Design* contractor Christian Pavey built a new one around the firebox and finished the surround with porcelain tiles (see "Sam's Eco Pick," right). He scraped out the firebox's highly flammable oil paint, then applied a heat-resistant paint. Inside is a clean-burning Ecosmart Fire burner kit.

the lighting

There was no overhead lighting. A stylish way to compensate? Illuminate every corner with lamps of varying heights. Now two floor lamps flank the fireplace. A secondhand lamp with an off-the-rack shade sits on the vintage dresser. (There's another one on a console behind the chairs.) Thanks to a coat of white paint, both table lamps now have a high-end look. To save energy, use three-way bulbs, which give the appropriate wattage as needed.

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sam's eco pick

Porcelain tiles are manmade from natural materials like clay – a less finite source than marble. Porcelain is also less porous, so it won't stain as easily.



SAMANTHA PYNN, HOST OF HGTV'S *PURE DESIGN*

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ABOUT *PURE DESIGN* I take a green approach to decorating. It's Season 2, and my team and I are busy transforming everyday rooms into sustainable living spaces with tons of personality. **MY METHOD** Rethink what you have, buy vintage, and research green products to make the best choices for you and your family. **CHECK OUT MY MAKEOVERS** on HGTV starting Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009. For local air dates and times, go to hgtv.ca.



guest sweet

A petite bath goes from pretty boring to just plain pretty in this modern country makeover. By Christina Symons

COLOUR WASH The old bathroom was bathed in neutrals with zero personality. Now, fresh white wainscotting and a glossy tub surround are revved up by soft blue walls and lively turquoise floors. "The floor sets the tone. I just love the aqua-green blue, especially with hits of red," says homeowner Heather Cameron. The standard vanity was too high, so Heather and hubby Kevin Zembik cut a few inches off the bottom until it felt just right. Conversely, the wainscotting was designed to run higher up the walls than usual. Using real wood planks instead of pressed panelling gives the wainscotting a unique look.





Heather Cameron and hubby Kevin Zembik loved their updated farmhouse in South Surrey, B.C., except for the plain-Jane guest bathroom. "We wanted to create a modern take on country," says Heather, a photo stylist and story producer who specializes in home decor and lifestyle magazine features. The couple, who run an organic blueberry farm, designed a sparkly new bathroom on a supertight budget by personalizing off-the-shelf materials from The Home Depot and employing a stylist's ingenuity as well as some good old-fashioned elbow grease. →

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MAPPING OUT INSPIRATION Heather restyles her rooms constantly, incorporating unexpected touches for charisma and glamour. "I don't like things to be all serious and stuffy," she says, referring to the guest bathroom's lighthearted artwork and accessories. She bought colourful wrapping paper with a Parisian-map motif and framed it.

FUN ACCESSORIES "Anything I've ever done has been loose and relaxed – a little bit country and a little bit quirky," says Heather, pointing out cheery items like the Asian graphic mug and Daily soap from local Vancouver shops.

GUEST PERKS Unlike the old room, which just had a towel rack, the remodelled space includes a storage console for guest soaps, lotions and a chicken-shape warmer. Greeting cards hang above it, mounted in inexpensive IKEA frames, with the matching envelopes used as mats. WHERE TO FIND IT, PAGE 162





floored

Homeowners Heather Cameron and Kevin Zembik knew that a perky painted floor would lend an unexpected and authentic farmhouse feel to the guest bathroom. Here are their tips for getting a look that's pretty (and practical, too!).

• To keep it real, the couple chose **inexpensive standard fir planks** rather than manufactured tongue-and-groove flooring. • **The boards were selected in thin and thick widths** for the walls and floor to create continuity in the room. • **Slight cracks and gaps between the boards** lend genuine country charm. • To seal the raw wood, a heavy-duty primer was applied to the floor, and also poured between the boards, forming **an excellent barrier.** • The process was repeated with a base and top coat of porch paint, which provides substantial **waterproof protection.**



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design solutions

Senior design editor Margot Austin helps homeowners hang art, decorate a hallway and pull together a powder room palette





A cohesive palette ties together a salon-style wall.

Q

I'm trying to create a salon-style gallery wall in my home. I'm a little torn between going with the same colour of frame and matting, or mixing up the frames. I've seen it done both ways. I like what I've created so far, but I can't help but wonder if I've done the right thing. AMANDA SEIF, MISSISSAUGA, ONT.

A If you like it, then you're on the right track. Trust your eye. Salon-style displays are meant to be somewhat free-form. Let balance be your guiding principle rather than strict rules about frames, matting and spacing between pictures. Notice how the grouping at left contains a variety of frames and types of artwork.

how to achieve balance

1 Place the largest piece in the centre.

2 Evenly space the works with the darkest subject matter.

3 Use a cohesive palette.

4 Before hanging, arrange your pictures on the floor and move them around until you have a combination you like.

5 Then hang the pieces, judging the placement by eye and replicating the arrangement as closely as possible. →

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Q My hallway, which leads to the side door, is extremely narrow – only 3' wide. Help! What do I do? DELLA TURUTA, TORONTO



Dramatic stripes dress the halls of the Hôtel des Grands Hommes in Paris.

A Tiny hallways can be tricky, but a well-decorated one is a real treat! Because you don't spend much time in a transitional space like a hall, you're less likely to tire of dramatic colours or patterns – so why not go for it? If you're considering embarking on a decorating project, keep your eyes open for inspiration, then steal ideas wherever you can. When you travel, snap shots with a digital camera. Or surf the Net for posh hotel sites and click through the photo galleries. The gorgeous decor in this inspiration shot shows that you don't need furniture, space or even artwork to make a hallway sing.

ingredients for revving up a tiny hallway

1 vertical striped wallcovering

2 beefed-up door casing mouldings with impact

3 a deep, dramatic paint colour in a glossy finish for all the doors

4 pretty wall sconces

5 a subtle patterned carpet or a runner that coordinates with the wallcovering

the illusion of space If you decorate your hallway in darker colours and the adjoining rooms in light colours, the experience of walking from the darker to the lighter spaces will make the lighter ones feel more spacious.

DECORATOR TRICK Inspiration is everywhere, so when you travel bring a digital camera or a small video camera like the Flip Video MinoHD to capture images for your decorating idea files. After a trip, I always return with enough ideas to redo a whole house. I've even photographed the ladies' room in a restaurant! I took the pic of this lovely hallway at the Hôtel des Grands Hommes in Paris and have been saving the photo in my inspiration file for months. The hotel is one of a collection of very pretty, affordable accommodations that dot some of Paris's most popular neighbourhoods. I stayed at its sister property, the Hôtel Design de la Sorbonne, which had even more great ideas to steal. Read more about them at styleathome.com/hotelsorbonne.

Q This year, I'm noticing a lot of lilac and lavender paint colours. How can I use lavender in my two-piece washroom without making it look like a little girl's room? NANCY MOVRIN, CAMBRIDGE, ONT.

A I've also been loving lavender lately and decided to use it in the High/Low story in this issue (page 80). Mix black accent pieces, like the IKEA mirror at right, and grey towels (these are from Restoration Hardware) to lend a pretty lavender wall a touch of sobriety. WHERE TO FIND IT, PAGE 162

powder room palette: lavender + black + grey





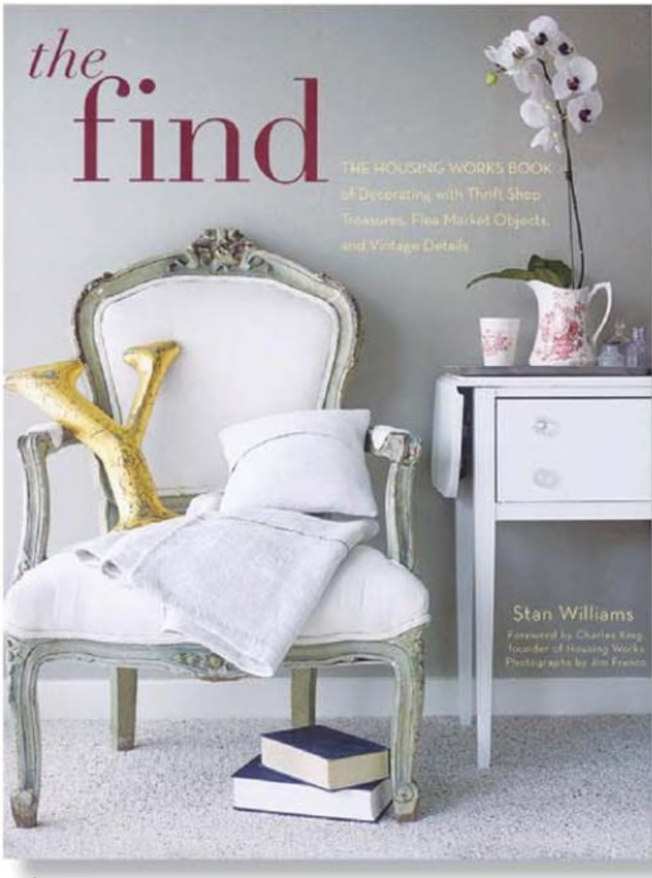


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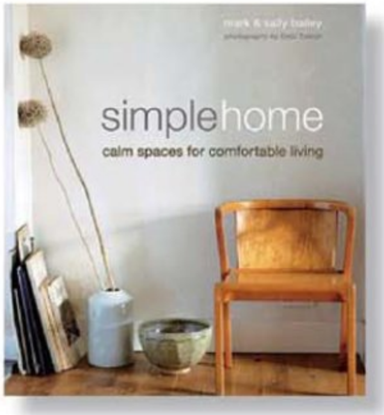
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our faves

Bath design, vintage decor and more. By Jenn Houlihan



THE FIND by Stan Williams, $32, Clarkson Potter, hardcover, 240 pages. Love vintage finds but can't figure out how to mix them into your decor? Williams' advice: limit yourself to half thrift and half new. He'll show you how to spot finds, give them mini-makeovers and decide where they belong. Soon you'll be decorating with the best of them – including contributing designers and stylists who offer ideas from their own homes.



SIMPLE HOME by Mark and Sally Bailey, $40, Ryland Peters & Small, hardcover, 160 pages. The colours are subtle, the furnishings are simple and the raw (sometimes recycled) materials are exposed in these laid-back spaces, which celebrate the beauty of well-made or natural things. Those "things" can range from a few well-designed ceramics or vases to a collection of pebbles from the beach. →

you could win!

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guest reviewer

Vancouver-based designer Ami McKay shares her fave books for glam, contemporary bathrooms.

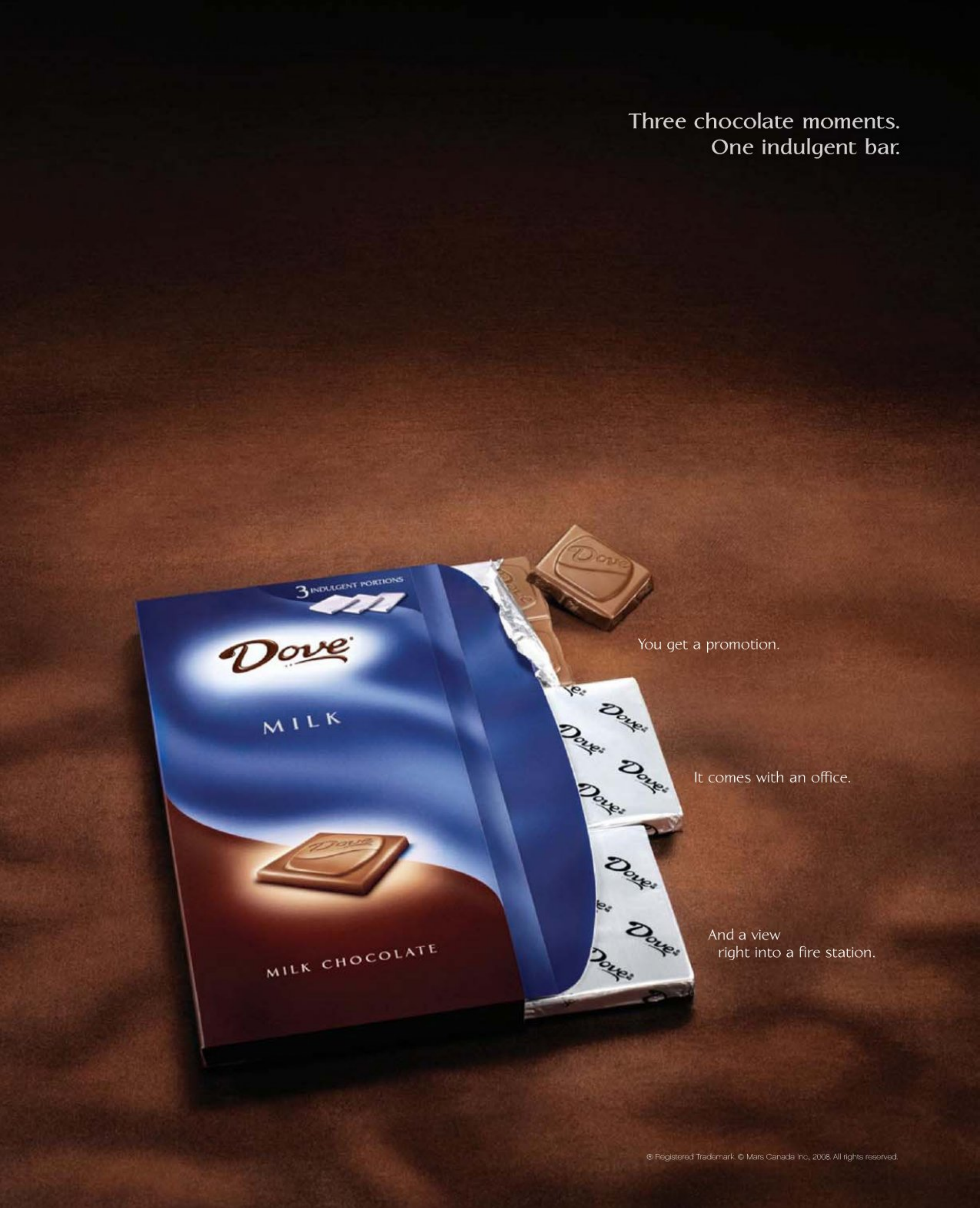


DETAIL IN CONTEMPORARY BATHROOM DESIGN by Virginia McLeod, $60, Laurence King, 2009, hardcover, 192 pages. "This looks like a well-planned design textbook but has the visual stimulation of great design magazines. The 35 architect-designed bathrooms are good examples of timeless contemporary design. Each features a floor plan of the room, including its location within the home. The book showcases various uses of simple materials, plus great bathtubs, including one that's recessed into the floor. I'm inspired by how others conceptualize and materialize their designs – it makes for an interesting and beautiful world."



METROPOLITAN HOME GLAMOUR: MAKING IT MODERN by Michael Lassell, $44, Filipacchi, 2009, hardcover, 240 pages. "I always tell my clients that bathrooms are like jewel boxes, and that the perfect selection of finishes and materials can turn a plain space into a gorgeous, high-impact one. This book features a delightful mix of old and new ideas and tantalizing rooms. I especially love the feature walls. In one powder room, the wall is covered in mirror mosaic tile. The way it reflects images and light reminds me of a Klimt-designed disco ball. Plus, the space itself is beautiful, with a suspended concrete vessel sink and mahogany vanity shelf. In another bathroom, dramatic black glass mosaic tiles are arranged in a free-flowing oversize floral design. I can't wait to use some of the concepts in a fantastic space with the right client."

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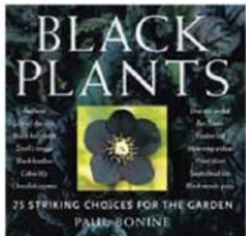


ESSENTIALLY FRENCH by Josephine Ryan, $40, Ryland Peters & Small, hardcover, 160 pages. Raised in Ireland, Ryan grew up scouring auction houses and junk shops with her parents and has always had "a fascination for all things French," she says. Her displays are more vignette than museum, showcasing collections of like items (such as cheese moulds) that come together magically on light-colour plain, plastered or peeling walls to capture that old-world *je ne sais quoi* with ease. This book will motivate you to get your keepsakes out of storage and into your home.

THE NEWLYWEDS' GUIDE TO SETTING UP HOME by Gail Abbott, $34, Cico, hardcover, 160 pages. You've dreamed of moving in together, but when the time finally comes, you find the prospect daunting, especially if your new digs include '80s carpet or a cramped kitchen. Abbott advises newlyweds on how to tackle first-time rentals, as well as how to set up a home both will enjoy. With tips and info on dealing with lighting, flooring, windows, storage and more, plus playing with colour and fabric, creating dual-purpose rooms and finding guest spaces.



BLACK PLANTS by Paul Bonine, $20, Timber Press, softcover, 160 pages. Creepy and kooky, mysterious and spooky (no, we're not talking about *The Addams Family*), these haunting annuals, perennials and shrubs would look right at home in a Halloween-inspired garden. This whimsical collection of 75 *noir* (or nearly noir) plants – with names like 'Black Scallop' bugleweed, Devil's tongue, Voodoo lily, Vampire's dracula orchid and Bat flower, to name a few – is beautiful to behold.



THRIFTY CHIC by Liz Bauwens and Alexandra Campbell, $40, Cico, hardcover, 160 pages. The ultimate upcycling resource, this room-by-room guide helps you transform mismatched vintage items and create stylish spaces on a budget. It covers everything from design basics to finishing touches in a range of styles. Projects include a padded headboard, a display cabinet facelift and a painted stair runner. Perfect for those decorating their first place or just looking for a change.



SHABBY CHIC INTERIORS by Rachel Ashwell, $45, Cico, hardcover, 192 pages. Twenty years ago, Ashwell started the Shabby Chic phenomenon in her little shop in Santa Monica, Calif. Now she's back with this confection of a book designed to help you recreate her easygoing, pretty style. This time around, she's more interested in the original patina or colour of a piece than whitewashing it. Detailed descriptions for reproducing her signature style accompany photos of rooms in her own homes and in the former homes of celebs like Marilyn Monroe and Betsy Johnson. Nothing's too matchy yet everything looks like it belongs together.





DECORATOR'S NOTEBOOK

towels

Indulge in plush new white towels from this season's tempting assortment. Or fashion your look by layering with a stylish hue and edgy jacquards.
By Christine Hanlon

waterfall

Stack several shades in the same tonal range for a pleasing palette. TURKISH 802 G IN SILVER SAGE, EUCALYPTUS AND JUNIPER $12 (FACE), $25 (HAND), $42 (BATH), RESTORATION HARDWARE.

double duty

Switch it up with reversible terry towels in gorgeous two-tone teal. TOFTBO IN LIGHT AND DARK TURQUOISE $8 (HAND), $13 (BATH), IKEA.

pattern play

Go graphic with cheeky animal-print jacquards or a geometric herringbone. 600 G ORGANIC COTTON IN COPPERPLATE $12 (HAND), $19 (BATH); ORGANIC SAFARI JACQUARD 600 G IN WHITE/COPPERPLATE AND WHITE/ESPRESSO $15 (HAND), $26 (BATH); WEST ELM. PC REJUVENATE 100% COTTON IN HERRINGBONE $4 (FACE), $6 (HAND), $13 (BATH), PRESIDENT'S CHOICE HOME COLLECTION.

fyi
Gram weight refers to weight per sq. m. The higher the number, the more plush the towel.

pure beauty

Keep it classic with a whisper of pool blue or all white. PB CLASSIC TERRY-CLOTH 820 G IN PORCELAIN BLUE $24 (HAND), $35 (BATH), POTTERY BARN. →

tip Store towels and bath accessories in a glass-door cabinet.

CABINET, CAMILLA HOUSE IMPORTS. SAVONNERIE DE BORNE SOAP, AU LIT FINE LINENS.

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the right white

best buy

A classic loop cotton terry-cloth is a perpetual favourite. PC REJUVENATE 100% COTTON $4 (FACE), $6 (HAND), $13 (BATH), $17 (BATH SHEET), PRESIDENT'S CHOICE HOME COLLECTION.

continental touch

Lightweight waffle texture is a clean, simple style that will dry you quickly. WAFFLE TERRY-CLOTH $10 (FINGERTIP), $16 (HAND), AU LIT FINE LINENS.

eco option

think green!

Bamboo fibres and organic cottons are supersoft. WAMSUTTA 65% COTTON/35% BAMBOO $15 (HAND), $22 (BATH), THE BAY. 100% ORGANIC COTTON $12 (HAND), $19 (BATH), WEST ELM.



egyptian

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turkish

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supima

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dobby Decorative border an inch or two from the bottom of a towel.



hemstitch or faggoting Intricate needlework technique used on fine European linens.

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A small stool in the bathroom is a handy spot for towels and toiletries. Post-shower, swaddle yourself in spa luxury. GLUCKSTEINHOME SPA 100% COTTON IN MIST $9 (FACE), $15 (HAND), $20 (BATH), THE BAY. STOOL FABRIC, KRAVET/LEE JOFA SHOWROOM. TURKISH TERRY SLIPPERS, SOAP, RESTORATION HARDWARE.



fresh finish

Refreshingly plain and simple: a clean end hem and no dobby. SPA IN WHITE $7 (FACE), $14 (HAND), $25 (BATH), LIV BY AU LIT.



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With simply irresistible fringes, these are a take on the Turkish hamman towel. TERRY WITH FRINGE $23 (HAND), $27 (BATH), LIV BY AU LIT.





lush pattern

For a soft-modern look, check out these botanical-inspired beauties. MARIMEKKO LEHTIMAJA 700 G TURKISH COTTON IN MIST $7 (FACE), $20 (HAND), $50 (BATH), CRATE AND BARREL. BASKET, HOMESENSE.

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Slip into a dreamy bath, whether you splash out or save your pennies for a rainy day. Produced by Margot Austin

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Victoria + Albert York soaker **tub** $2,900, freestanding **tub filler** in polished chrome $518, Canaroma International. PC Rejuvenate cotton **towels** in medium grey and white $17 each (bath sheet), $13 each (bath), $6 each (hand), $4 each (face), President's Choice Home Collection. Liatorp glass-door **cabinet** $500, Hemnes wood-frame **mirror** $90, IKEA. Wireback chrome-finish **chair** $270, Nuevo. **Bath tray** $70, Ginger's. Glass hurricane **vases** $12 (large), $10 each (medium), $8 (small), HomeSense. Borealis glass-and-crystal bubble-and-drop **pendant light** $304, RONA. Navelli Carrara Star porcelain 12" square **tiles** $3 per sq. ft., Lowe's. WHERE TO FIND IT, PAGE 162

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fun with wallpaper

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pretty up a room divider

MATERIALS

- bifold doors
- wallpaper (1 to 2 rolls, depending on the size and number of bifold doors)
- measuring tape
- pencil
- metal ruler or carpenter square
- utility knife
- spray paint (optional)
- wallpaper paste (if paper is not prepasted)
- brush
- plastic float

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Measure the doors and cut your paper to size using a utility knife and metal ruler or carpenter square as your guide, leaving a 2" allowance on the top and bottom.

2 If you would like the sides of the dividers to match your paper, spray-paint the edges of the doors in a complementary colour and let them dry before papering.

3 Apply paste to your wallpaper.

4 Carefully place your wallpaper on the first door of the room divider.

5 Smooth down the paper with a brush and remove any air bubbles with a plastic float.

6 Trim off the excess paper at the top and bottom using a utility knife.

7 Repeat above steps for the other doors, matching up the pattern. →


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rejuvenate an interior door

MATERIALS

- wallpaper
- measuring tape
- pencil
- utility knife
- metal ruler
- wallpaper paste and brush
- plastic float
- sponge

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Measure the interior panel of your door and transfer the measurements to the back side of your wallpaper.

2 Cut out the wallpaper for your door panel using a utility knife and metal ruler as your guide.

3 Apply paste to the wallpaper, and adhere it to your door.

4 Smooth down the wallpaper with a brush and remove any visible air bubbles with a plastic float.

5 Wipe off any excess paste with a damp sponge.



pattern play
An unexpected hit of pattern and colour.

stylize a staircase

MATERIALS

- wallpaper
- measuring tape
- metal ruler
- pencil
- utility knife
- wallpaper paste and brush
- plastic float
- sponge

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Carefully measure the stair risers (the vertical surface between the stairs), then cut your paper to size using a utility knife.

2 Add paste to the wallpaper, and apply as you would to a wall.

3 Smooth down the wallpaper with a brush and remove any visible air bubbles with a plastic float.

4 Wipe off excess paste with a damp sponge.


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Farrow & Ball is renowned for its complex palette of neutrals – always a decorator favourite. WALLS (ABOVE), MOUSE'S BACK 40. LEFT: TRIM AND DOOR, JOA'S WHITE 226; WALLPAPER, SILVERGATE BP 810; CHAIR, PAVILLION BLUE 252; BANNISTER, LONDON STONE 6.

Handmade is one of the year's hottest buzzwords, so it's no wonder artisanal paint and paper maker Farrow & Ball is having a moment. **style at home**'s Margot Austin gives us a behind-the-scenes tour of the U.K. company that has been rocking the decorating world for years.

history lesson

First things first: there really was a Mr. Farrow and a Mr. Ball. The two men, John and Richard respectively, were chemists who set up shop in the 1940s, making their paints the old-school way – distemper, lime-wash, dead-flat oil paints. Today the company strives to remain as close to "two men in a shed with a stick and a pot" as a global paint brand can.

A favourite among restorers of some of Britain's most important manor houses, Farrow & Ball was the go-to source for custom paint matching and mixing in the early years. It wasn't until the early 1990s that the company made the leap from small-batch single orders to full-scale retail paint manufacturing; wallpapers followed in 1995. Now Farrow & Ball is like a monarch reigning over decorating colonialism of the most genteel variety. The company does business in 24 countries, from its own retail showrooms and authorized dealers, but remains British to the core. "I think our Britishness lies in the fact that we make everything ourselves," says company director Sarah Cole. "People like the historic roots of our names, and that our home is in Wimborne, Dorset, England. But it wouldn't matter how British we were if the names weren't backed up by a depth of colour, the quality of the finish, and great service." →

what's in a name?

Farrow & Ball's colour card is filled with unique names – many plucked from history and most intended to conjure up just what the colour will look like.

Mouse's Back 40 A neutral dark stone. The name was coined in the 1950s by English designer John Fowler, who often specified carpet in the colour of a mouse's back. The colour has been in the Farrow & Ball lineup since the beginning.

Elephant's Breath 229 A warm neutral grey with a hint of pink – exactly what you might imagine a pachyderm to exhale. Also coined by John Fowler.

Clunch 2009 A greyish white with green tones, so named for the chalk-and-stone building blocks commonly used in the East Anglia region of England.

Joa's White 226 A warm dark white named for Farrow & Ball international colour consultant Joa Studholme.

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paint: from clay to can







Farrow & Ball makes 19 different paint bases, including exterior and interior paints and undercoats (also known as primers). Each base calls for a different combination of raw ingredients, like china clay, titanium dioxide, chalk and lime putty, which are added by hand to a mixing machine.

1. colour code Whereas most paint companies rely on local retailers to add and mix the final colour, Farrow & Ball insists on controlling every step of production, so the final pigment is added and mixed right at the factory. The company uses only high-quality natural pigments – and up to 30% more pigment than most paint manufacturers, resulting in greater colour depth.

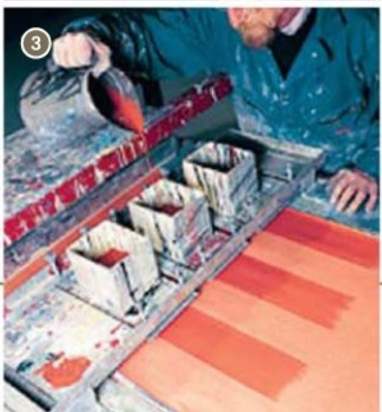
2. check it thrice Each batch must pass muster in the quality control lab. At the lab, a half-white, half-black postcard-size paper is coated with a paint sample and allowed to dry – a spectrometer then checks the final colour. Farrow & Ball allows a variance of colour of only 0.5% from batch to batch (most retailers allow twice that). The colour is checked on each half of the card to ensure even coverage over light and dark backgrounds. "We also monitor the sheen of each batch," says company director Sarah Cole. "It's the accuracy of the coverage and the sheen together that make the colour look right."

3. in the can A showerhead-like dispenser ensures even consistency as cans are filled with paint.

The bestselling Farrow & Ball paint colour in Canada is Light Blue 22







think green! Many brands have been scrambling to bring low-VOC (volatile organic compound) paints to market, since consumers are increasingly aware of the damage caused to the environment by the off-gassing of these harmful compounds. Farrow & Ball's most popular product, Estate Emulsion, has always been zero VOC, and as of this fall, the company's entire line will be made with low or zero VOC.

wallpaper: bespoke by the roll

Farrow & Ball offers 28 wallpaper patterns in 800 colour combinations, and each roll is custom-made to order. Wallpapers are crafted using heavy nonpasted paper and water-based formulations of the company's paints, rather than industrial printer inks, which most other manufacturers use.

1. brushed-on background Even the backgrounds of Farrow & Ball wallpapers are painted! Two wide brushes pass over the blank paper to deposit the paint. The brush strokes remain visible on the paper once the paint dries, becoming part of the final design.

2. patterns Pattern printing is done using two methods – block printing and trough printing. Block-printed papers, such as the popular Silvergate damasks, are printed by painting a large stamplike block, then machine-pressing it to the paper from directly overhead. Some block prints are made using a roller with a raised design.

3. stripes For trough-printed papers, which include most stripes and striés, paint is poured manually into reservoirs and absorbed by the sponges below. The sponges then deposit the paint onto the background paper, lending it a dragged or strié texture. →


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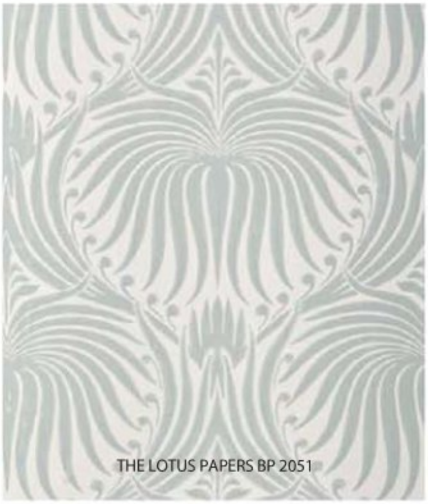
Make over a room in your home using one of these inspired combos. Farrow & Ball's paints and papers are natural companions, so it's easy to pull together design schemes for any space.

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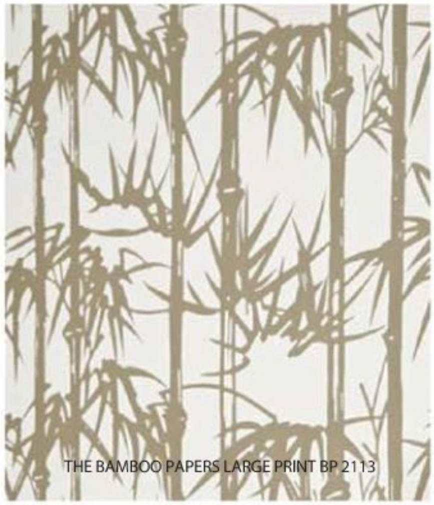

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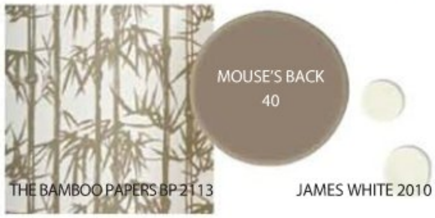
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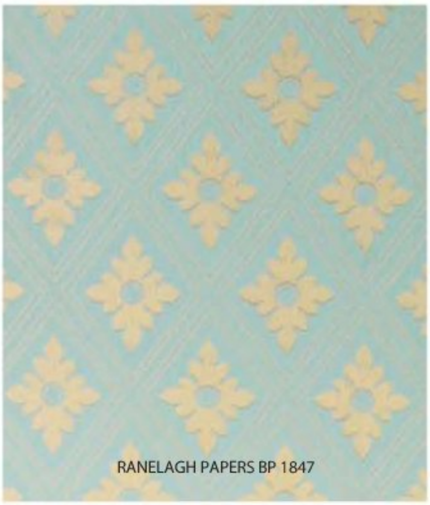

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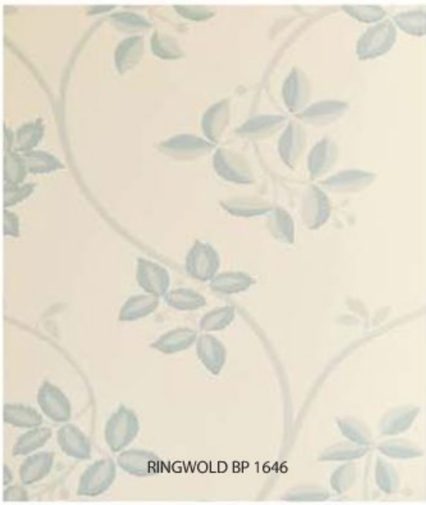

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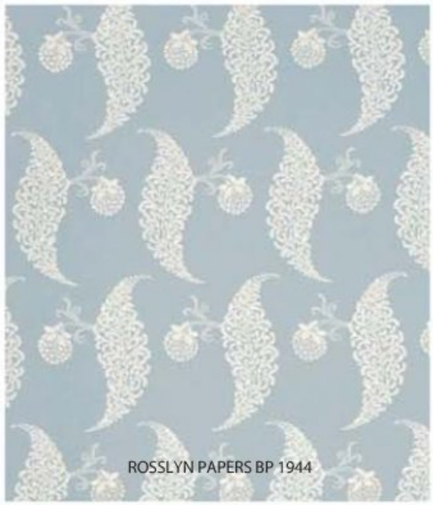

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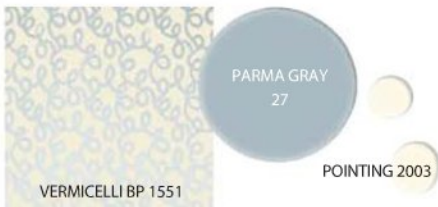
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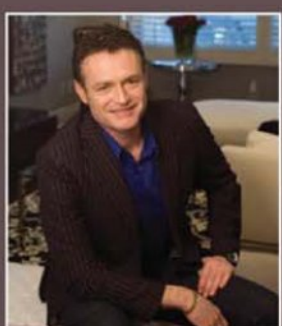

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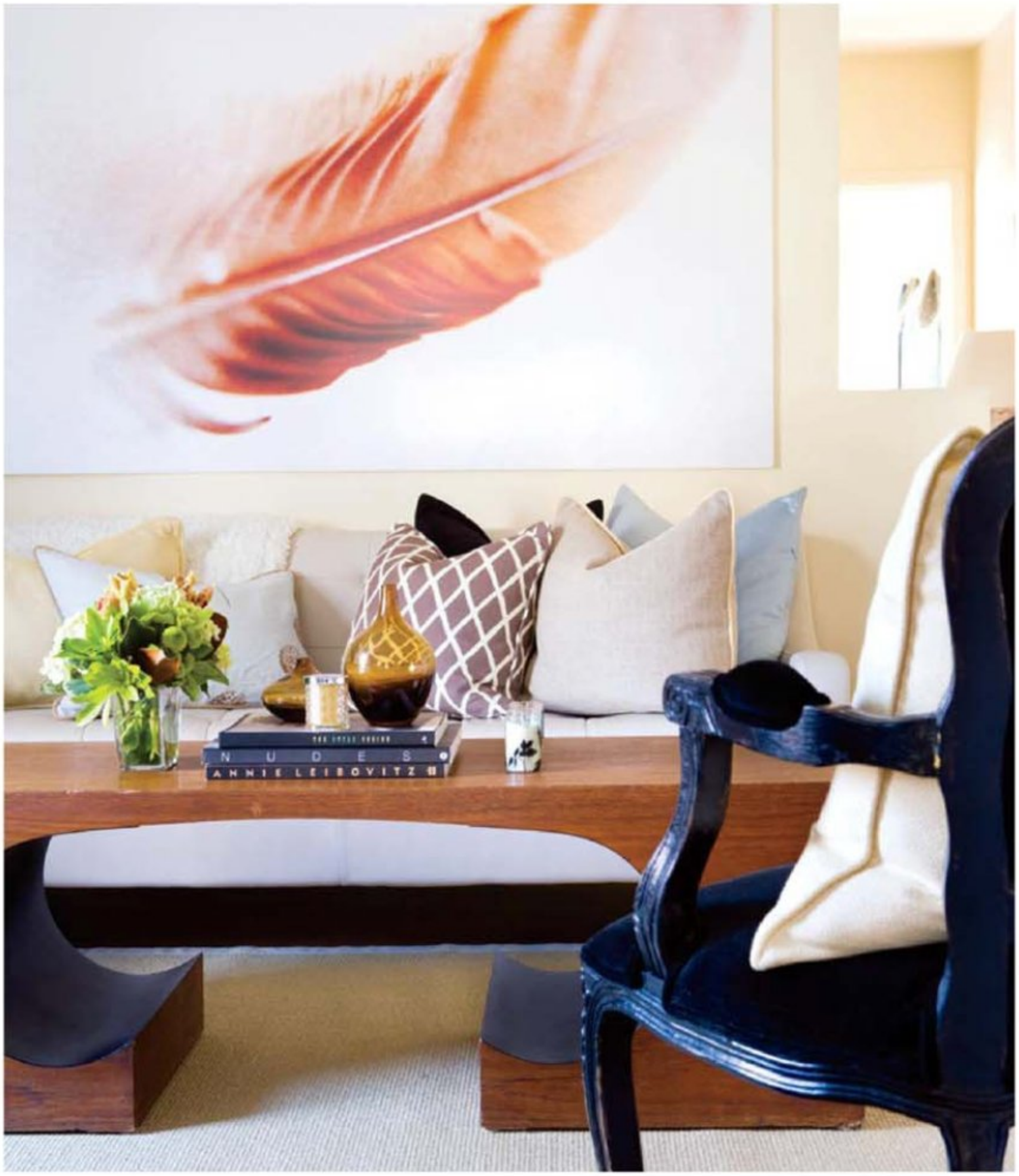
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AFTER stylish century home

Embracing both the past and the "current," P.E.I. architect David Lopes takes his historical home from dark and dull to bright and airy.

Written by **Liza Finlay** / Photography by **Stacey Van Berkel Haines**

When architect David Lopes bought his Charlottetown century home in 2006, it was dark, dingy and in a sad state of disrepair. However, his trained eye saw not only the stately architecture buried beneath the wood panelling and old-fashioned wallpaper, but also a way to marry the old with the new. It took a lot of sweat and strain, and now the result of a two-year renovation is a bright home that reflects a respect for the past and a welcoming of the present. →





OPEN CONCEPT With the removal of a dividing wall, the dining room and kitchen are now combined. Traditional Windsor chairs around the dining table reflect homeowner David Lopes' style of mixing old and new.



TUCK IT AWAY Large sliding panel doors hide storage space and even large appliances.

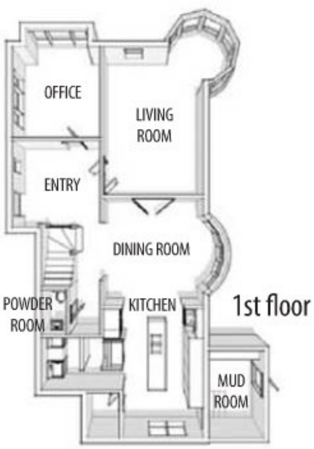
"Sitting at the island one morning with the sun pouring in, I thought, 'This is even better than I had anticipated' " DAVID LOPES, HOMEOWNER





stage 1: the kitchen

Before installing new appliances, cabinets and fixtures, an entire wall was removed to open up the kitchen to the dining room, thus improving circulation and increasing light. But that also created a problem: most of the kitchen – and its perpetual mess – would be on full view. The solution? "We decided to conceal as much of the kitchen as possible behind full-height panel doors," says homeowner and architect David Lopes. "Think of a TV cabinet where the doors open and slide back into the unit." Most of the drawers and even the fridge are concealed behind the doors, resulting in a clean, contemporary look. →





ILLUSTRATIONS BY SCOTT ROGERS



reno reminders

Architect David Lopes' secrets to reno success.

Take your time in the design phase. It's important to live in a house for a while before renovating, so you can walk through your design. Take note of routines, high-traffic areas and where the best natural light comes from.

Don't be afraid to ask a lot of questions. Ask contractors, designers, electricians – whomever. Sometimes the most innocent question can lead to uncovering very important issues.

Always have a design drawing. Or at the very least have a list that you can use to work out an agreement with your builder. That will help reduce areas of future conflict and cost overruns.

Don't get stuck on perfection. There will always be something that you would do differently next time.





luxe for less
Constructed from plywood, the custom-built cabinets were sprayed with lacquer to give the inexpensive material a rich finish.



stage 2: home office & living space

Hardwood was laid throughout the entire main floor, harmonizing rooms that, thanks to the removal of a couple of dividing walls, now flow more breezily from one to the other. "We installed prefinished flooring, which spared us a little dust," says David. The next step was to lighten the vertical surfaces. Painting the dark wood wainscotting – a trademark of traditional homes – was a daring move, but one David was sure would make a dramatic difference to the main-floor living space, which also houses his home office. He first painted on a special primer, a shellac that hides stains and seals the wood, then gave the dark wood two coats of a bright white paint, giving the rooms a much more spacious feel. The rest of the wall space was painted a subtle off-white to create a simple, minimalist statement. →

STAIRWELL A wall was removed to transform a small vestibule into a welcoming entryway. Dated wallpaper was stripped away and a taupe vinyl wallcovering was added. **DESK SPACE** Deep cabinets were custom-made to fit David's large architecture books, while the desk built into the wall frees up floor space. **FIREPLACE** A Queen Anne-style chair gets a new lease on life with crisp white upholstery.



HIDE & SEEK Privacy shutters in the eating nook cover the lower half of the windows, allowing light to stream into the space.

"The hardest part was removing the wallpaper.

Not only was it tedious, but all the walls had to be replastered, too" DAVID LOPES, HOMEOWNER



STORAGE, STORAGE, STORAGE Recessed shelving creates ample storage behind the vanity mirror as well as a charming display case beside the new soaker tub.





stage 3: bathroom

In the original layout, an old servant's staircase connected the kitchen to the second floor. Removing it allowed David to increase the square footage of the bathroom – a must since he insisted on two sinks "to keep sibling squabbles to a minimum!" Recessed shelving was added to create clean, open, modern storage. To achieve this look, David also had to redesign and replumb the room, moving the toilet, bath and vanity. Levelling the floors meant ripping up the old flooring, which provided an opportunity to install in-floor radiant heating, a luxurious amenity. "We decided to use the same colour of tile throughout the bathroom, so it would appear more spacious," says David.

stage 4: bedroom

Although the home's master bedroom is simple and modern in design, David incorporated decorating elements that reflect the history of the structure. The Charles Rennie Mackintosh-style bed is a nod to the Arts and Crafts movement that inspired part of the home's design. The existing bay window is dressed with long draperies that puddle on the floor, enhancing the grandeur of the high ceilings, which aren't often featured in newer homes.

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FAMILY AFFAIR The master bedroom is the perfect spot for the Lopes family to unwind, from the large bed to the lounge area by the bay window.

MAKE OVER DECORATING

BEFORE formal townhouse



AFTER modern family living

Designer Sloan Mauran makes every room work harder for each member of this blended "Brady Bunch" family

Written by **Martha Uniacke Breen** / Photography by **Ted Yarwood**

When a dad of two little girls first met a mom of two boys, neither of them would have guessed they'd end up moving into his mid-Toronto townhouse. But before they took the plunge, the couple knew the home would have to work harder now, since they were going to be a family of six. They turned to designer and friend Sloan Mauran for help.

Sloan could see right away that the problem lay not so much in the size of the house but in the way it was configured. "The existing floor plan just wasn't working," she says. "It was the standard combined formal front living and dining room, with rear kitchen and family room, which is where the family spent almost all their time. I said to them, 'If you're going to have this many people in your home, there's absolutely no room to waste.'" →

STYLING BY EMILY HOLLIS



STYLISH MULTITASKING FAMILY ROOM In what was once a rarely used living/dining space, a desk and round table create places to work. A comfy lounge area offers seating for the whole gang to take in a video or just talk. The blue grey cotton velvet upholstery on the sofa is hard-wearing, while leather on the chic Barcelona chairs is practical, since spills can be wiped up with a cloth.

“This suddenly went from a house for three people to one for six” HOMEOWNER



Designer Sloan Mauran started her own firm in 1995. Based in Toronto, she works with clients worldwide.

First, the open-concept main floor was reorganized. “That was important, since the kids are only there half the time,” says Sloan. “We wanted them to be able to spend as much time together as possible when everyone was home.” The original living room now features a desk and computer area, and the former dining room was fitted with a comfy sectional sofa surrounding a wall-mounted plasma TV. In the back, the family room was moved out of the kitchen, allowing for a big dining table that works as well for family as it does for grown-up guests.

Upstairs, the trick was to create bedrooms that would help make the transition easier for everyone, especially the kids, who would now share rooms. The boys, ages 10 and 11, got the top floor of the house (which is large enough for boisterous sleepovers) and a pièce de résistance – their own flat-screen monitor and video console.

“The couple didn’t want any more disruption in the girls’ lives, and they wanted a magical room the two would really love,” says Sloan. The built-in armoire and bunk beds, tucked into a niche and outfitted with drapes like sleeping-car berths, give the girls (six and eight) private space and storage. That leaves ample room for tea

AN EYE-CATCHING ARRANGEMENT The gold frame of an arresting portrait picks up on the faceted gold-leaf cabinet from Studio B. A few accessories, including a lamp from Absolutely, complete the stunning vignette. **SMART SPACE PLANNING** The decision to have one large table in the dining area means the space feels less crowded, even when everyone is home. Adding four bar stools to the kitchen island creates extra seating, and an opportunity to cook and socialize at the same time. **DOING DOUBLE DUTY** A credenza stores items and showcases favourite accessories. **DECORATING WITH A FEW GOOD PIECES** Above a tall walnut sideboard designed by Sloan Mauran hangs a pair of kudu horns that lend sophisticated curves and visual punch. The contemporary dining table and Ultrasuede-upholstered chairs are sturdy enough for kids and elegant enough for guests.


before



before

parties and dressing up. And tucked in a corner is Sloan's signature: a built-in "mouse house," with a hinged front and delightful tiny mouse figures.

The master suite provides a relaxing escape: it's an inviting getaway for the adults, whether the rest of the household is quiet or filled with joyful noise. The bedroom is also designed to accommodate both her traditional tastes and his more contemporary sensibilities, without shortchanging either – in much the same way that the whole home has been designed to bring everyone in the family together.

"I love how well the house functions now," says Sloan. "It suits the new blended family to a T. They're a warm and loving bunch, and their home really reflects that." →

CREATING A CALMING MOOD A quiet scheme of blues, whites and warm neutrals makes the master bedroom feel soothing. The curvy mirror and headboard lend touches of femininity, while a larger night table is a better fit that offers more tabletop space than before. **RELAXING ADULT GETAWAY** On the homeowner's wish list: a big cosy chair to curl up and read in. Golden silk draperies and a vegetable-dyed Tibetan carpet add an element of comfort and luxury.

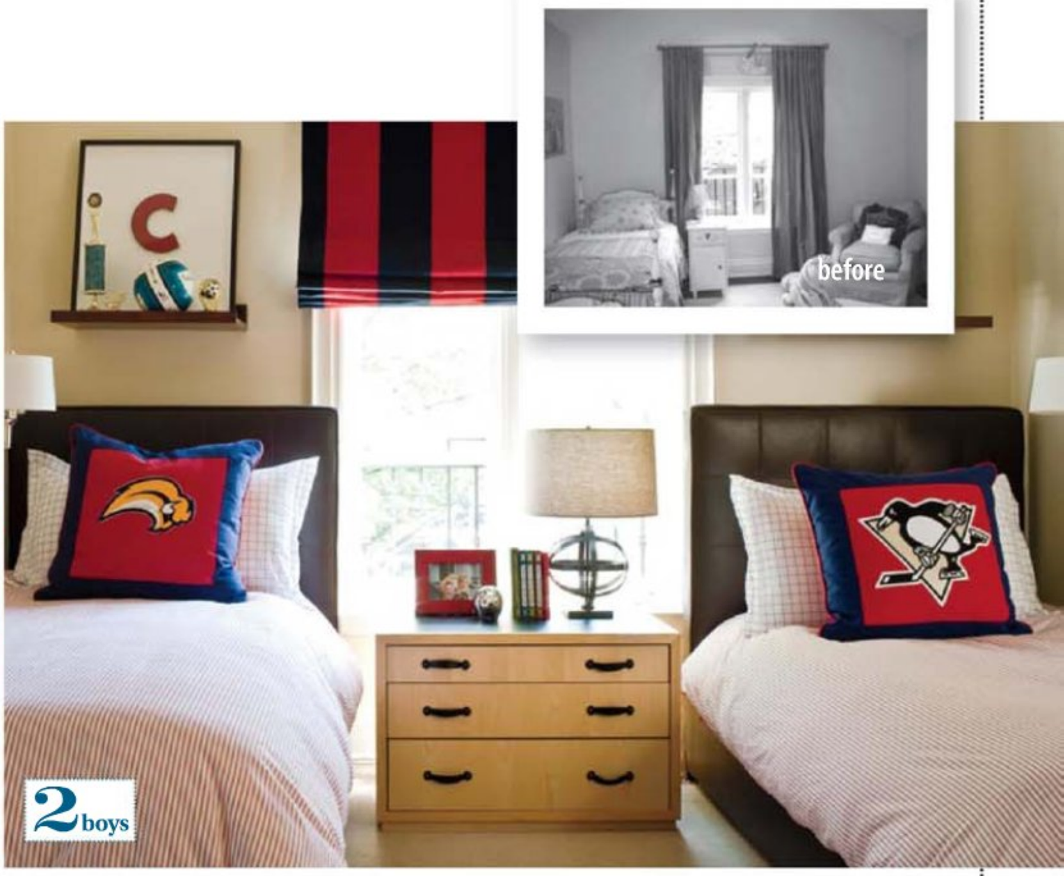




"Life can get pretty chaotic with four kids, a puppy and a cat. It can be a crazy house sometimes, but it works for the kids and us, too" HOMEOWNER


before





> "Some people think you shouldn't have good furniture for kids, but durable, quality pieces are actually more practical"
>
> SLOAN MAURAN, DESIGNER

the **brady bunch** factor

The challenge for designer Sloan Mauran was more than just updating and reworking space. It was also about making the transition to a blended-family home comfortable for everyone. Here's how she did it.

Think about how you use your space; if you don't need a formal dining room, turn it into a TV or conversation area. **Add personal touches** that will make kids' rooms special. For instance, the drapes on the girls' bunk beds are perfect for staging puppet shows, and the large mirrors on the armoire are great for checking out their costumes. **Choose durable fabrics** like Ultrasuede and leather. **Opt for an open-plan layout** so everyone can be in the same place, even if they're doing different things – that's really important when a family's only together part of the time.

GIRLS' FANTASY ROOM Pink sets the tone in the girls' space, which is both fun and dramatic. A built-in mirrored armoire is divided in two and has bookshelves, cupboards and closet space. As with the rest of the home, rethinking how the bedroom was used, rather than renovating, was what mattered. Now there's more play space for the sisters than before. **MAKING THE DETAILS COUNT** Millwork finishes each of the built-ins to give the look of fine furnishings. "Both girls love to read, so good lighting was important," says Sloan. A clothes rack for dress-up costumes is just one of several treats that the designer and the couple included to make this room special. Cowtan & Tout wallpaper from Primavera and bed linens and cushions from Lucca introduce subtle hits of pattern. **BOYS' DREAM SUITE** The boys are a little older than the girls, so a more grown-up but still age-appropriate design was in order. Hockey and other sports memorabilia, leather headboards, and a navy-and-red Roman blind overlooking their own deck give the bedroom a masculine air. WHERE TO FIND IT, PAGE 162

BEFORE cluttered mishmash



AFTER streamlined cottage style

Toronto-based photographer Virginia Macdonald's adjoining kitchen and living room lacked unity. Enter Samantha Pynn, host of HGTV's *Pure Design*. With Virginia's vision, many of her original pieces and Samantha's environmentally responsible design savvy, the two embarked on a mission: to turn Virginia's cluttered, compact space into the modern-country "great room" she always wanted. Written by **Natalie Bahadur** / Photography by **Virginia Macdonald**



ENVIRO CHIC Natural and eco-friendly designs abound in this space. "We chose a wood countertop sourced from responsibly managed forests, and the floors were replaced with a chestnut-colour bamboo," says Samantha. →


before



the **green kitchen**

"When it comes to renovating, there isn't one perfect material that won't have an impact on the planet," says Samantha Pynn, who designed the space. "Green choices come in varying degrees – you have to make the best choices for you and your family."

• Choose **low-flow faucets,** which use less water. • **Bamboo** replenishes itself faster than any other plant, making it a great eco-friendly flooring choice. • **Stainless steel** can easily be recycled and doesn't off-gas, so it's ideal for appliances. • Look for **EnergyStar-rated appliances** and consider opting for a gas stove, which is more energy efficient. • Ask companies to **flat-pack your furniture** when delivering – it saves truck space and thus requires less fuel to transport.

check out samantha's *pure design* makeovers on HGTV starting Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009. For local air dates and times, go to hgtv.ca.





UP CLOSE & PERSONAL "I enjoy chatting with friends and family while preparing meals," says homeowner Virginia Macdonald. "The look in this space is so much more pulled together now, yet the feeling of casual entertaining has remained." **PERSONAL TOUCH** Linen and hemp cushions in blues and yellows add colour to the neutral-tone living room sofa. An oversize photograph of a feather shot by Virginia is soft, stunning and quietly dominates the space. **HIDDEN SECRETS** The kitchen was painted a honey colour to create a warm and welcoming look, while floor-to-ceiling cabinetry offers more storage space. **ECO ELEMENTS** Environmentally friendly options like a gas stove and EnergyStar appliances were chosen for the kitchen. "To help save water, we installed a low-flow faucet and a new dishwasher that Virginia can fill instead of washing a few dishes at a time," says Samantha.

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BEFORE one junky basement



Getting rid of this... made room for this.

AFTER 3 fabulous new rooms

How many renovation stories start with "One thing led to another..."? Yes, the old domino effect always thickens the plot, as it did for **style at home** art director Susan Rogers and her husband, Scott, a construction manager. When the two decided to install a second bathroom in the basement of their Toronto home, the project soon expanded to incorporate a new laundry/craft room and TV/guest room. And executing their plans meant digging down to gain headroom. Undaunted, Susan and Scott seized the opportunity to exercise their design savvy and bring their 1930s home into the 21st century with new technology, energy-efficient features and storage solutions. But wait! Don't skip to the happy ending. As with any great story, the lessons along the way are well worth reading.

Written by **Kathleen Dore** / Photography by **Paul Chmielowiec**



Pocket doors are smart when floor space is tight. These etched-glass dividers provide privacy for guests yet let in natural light.

Linens are stored inside the sofa, which converts into a double bed for guests.

PERSONAL TOUCH The sectional sofa is a comfy spot to watch TV, and doubles as a pullout bed with hidden storage. A shag rug introduces texture to the tailored decor. Homeowner and **style at home** art director Susan Rogers joined two IKEA rugs with duct tape to create just the right size. Framed vintage streetcar canvases add graphic punch. How fitting that *Rogers* is at the top of one of them! →

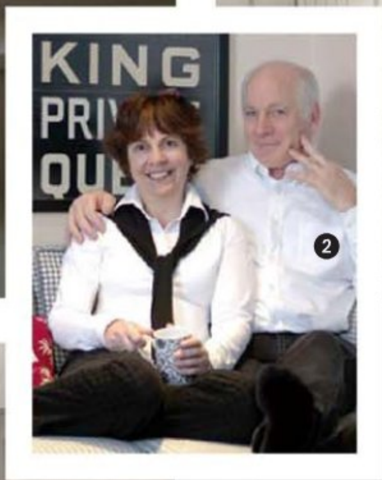


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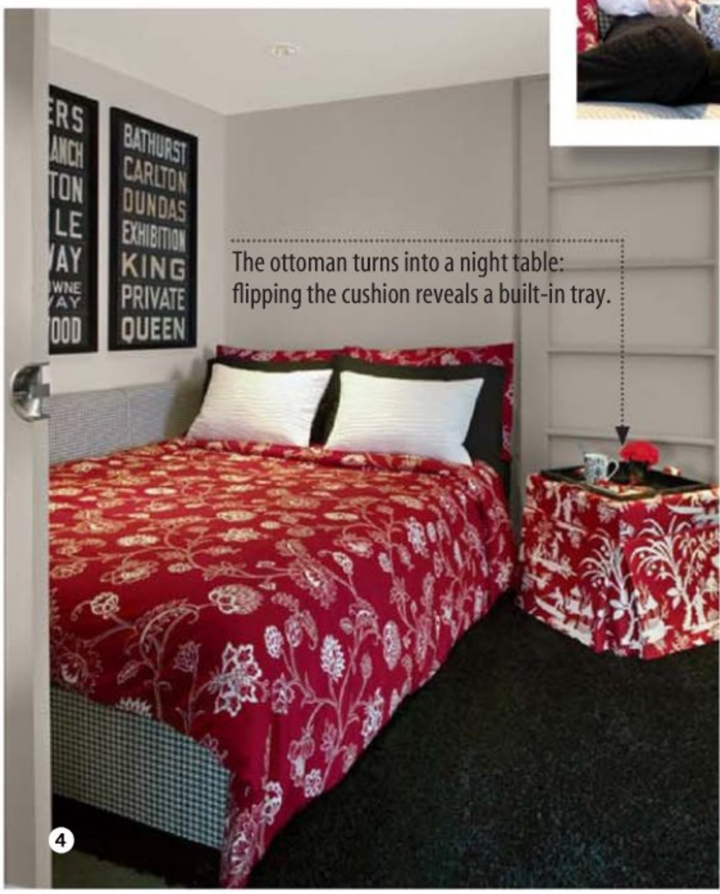


Via computer, slideshows can be projected on the new flat-screen TV.

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The ottoman turns into a night table: flipping the cushion reveals a built-in tray.

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style in abundance

Susan, who prefers a tailored, uncluttered look, used her professional skill with colour to give the basement a polished look. The three areas flow together thanks to a tight scheme of grey, white, red and black, as well as the repetition of back-painted glass and stainless steel. Pairing classic houndstooth fabric with an Asian-inspired red-and-white linen imparts a contemporary, sophisticated vibe. There are fun touches mixed in, like the Toronto Transit Commission vintage streetcar route roll that was transformed into artwork.

maximizing space

"By installing pocket and sliding doors, we saved 60 sq. ft.," says Scott. He also researched a thin mount for the new flat-screen TV, so it's almost flush with the wall and doesn't encroach on Susan's desk below. The laundry/craft room features IKEA cabinets used straight out of the box or customized. "Since I often do craft stories for **style at home,** I wanted my supplies properly stored and labelled," says Susan. "I was tired of reaching into the back of dark closets trying to find things." Tamara Robbins Griffith, IKEA public relations specialist and design spokesperson, likes Susan and Scott's creative thinking about storage – like picking a pantry cupboard for their ironing board and kitchen drawers for wrapping paper. Before shopping, Tamara suggests you take an inventory of what you'll be storing. "There are so many great fittings for the interiors of IKEA cabinet doors that you can really customize them," she says. And serendipity sometimes happens, too – the sectional/sofa bed fits so snugly in the guest room, it looks custom-made. But Susan couldn't resist a classic touch: she had the piece reupholstered with a houndstooth fabric, which ended up being the jumping-off point for the whole colour scheme. →

1 IT'S ALL IN THE DETAILS Scott closed in the area under the stairs for storage. Susan searched for the perfect shade of grey to stain the poured-concrete floor, which took a month to cure. Even Jack the cat matches the colour scheme! **2 POST-RENO RELAXATION** Susan and Scott curl up on their new sectional to watch TV. **3 WORK WITH WHAT YOU HAVE** Susan inherited a vintage desk and chair from her father and had them lacquered to freshen the look. Above, Scott decided to leave the steel I-beam exposed for architectural interest. **4 PRESTO CHANGO!** The sofa converts into a guest bed for two. **5 SLEEK & SEXY** The stainless steel island serves as a crafts and laundry table. The mix of white glass and red lacquered cabinet doors created just the right balance of serenity and vibrancy. Re-covering the bar stool in the same fabric as the ottoman linked the crafts area to the TV room.





The stained concrete floor is comfortably cool in summer but toasty warm in winter thanks to radiant underfloor heating.



Detergent and fabric softener are auto-dispensed from canisters in this drawer.

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Covering the ironing board in matching fabric adds a note of beauty where it's least expected.

2



"If it's not easy to find, you'll never use it," says Susan of the upfront planning she put into her crafts and wrapping stations.

4



watch *cityline* on oct. 20, when IKEA's Tamara Robbins Griffith presents a walk-through of this basement makeover. Check local listings for times.

An etched back-painted glass backsplash is easy to clean.

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"Being organized makes life easier. With all the new storage space, it was an opportunity to start fresh" SUSAN ROGERS, HOMEOWNER

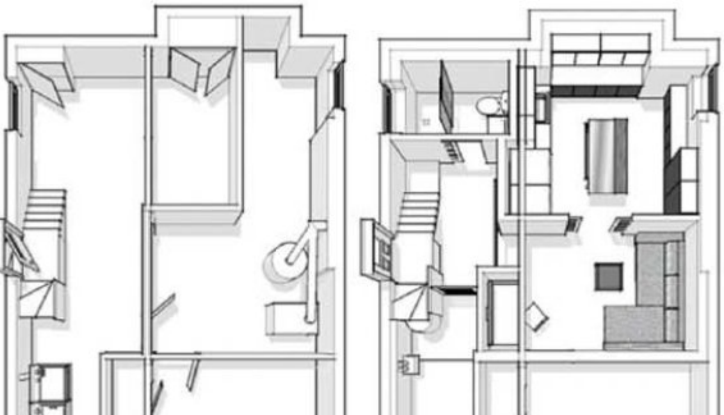


The deep windowsill provides a bonus display surface for a sweet trio of flowerpots.

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what was used

GE Profile **washer** with SmartDispense and gas **dryer,** GE Appliances. Munchkin **boiler,** Superstor Ultra **water heater,** Toto Eco Lloyd **toilet,** Lloyd **mixing valve trim,** Kiwami Renesse **lavatory** and **faucet,** Noble Trade. **Pocket doors,** Milette. **Paint:** Barren Plain 2111-60 (walls), Calm 2111-70 (ceiling), Stone Harbour 2111-50 (pocket doors), Benjamin Moore. Henriksdal **bar stool,** Dacke **island,** Staron **counters,** Rubrik **white cabinet doors,** Abstrakt **red cabinet doors,** Kassett storage **boxes,** Rationell **drawer pullouts,** Bestå Burs **black cabinet,** Akurum **cabinet carcasses,** Rationell **shelf lighting,** Numerar **laundry sink,** Hovskar **faucet,** Manstad **sofa bed,** IKEA. **Fabric:** Square Pegs in Sterling (sectional), Crystal Lake in Lacquer (ottoman, bar stool, cushions, ironing board cover), Dunborne in Canyon (cushions, desk chair seat), Robert Allen. **Upholstery,** Princess Perfect. Panasonic Viera flat-screen **TV,** Panasonic Canada. Thinstall **TV wall mount,** ChiefMounts Canada. **Back-painted glass** (shower and bathroom baseboards), **backsplash** (laundry room), **shower door** and **hardware,** Adanac Glass. **Windows, exterior door,** JELD-WEN Windows and Doors. **Concrete floor finishing,** Concrete Your Way. →



before

after



❶ **GET A LOAD OF THIS!** Today's laundry appliances aren't just more energy efficient – they look good and are smart, too! Via a built-in computer, the washer tells the dryer what type of load to expect. An IKEA cabinet above is handy for storage. ❷ **EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE** Boxes are labelled and stacked neatly behind doors. "I guess you could say I take after my father, who was an organized pack rat," says Susan. ❸ **ECO-WISE OPTIONS** All of the basement windows were replaced with energy-efficient ones. Windowsill depth allows for more R-value (insulation) in the walls – the higher the R-value, the higher the government rebate (see "Cash Back for Renovating!" page 123). ❹ **WRAP & ROLL** Pot drawers are just right for housing wrapping paper. ❺ **ENLIGHTENED CHOICE** Translucent glass doors keep cabinetry from looking heavy. There's a lightbulb housed in the bottom glass shelves, which casts a soft glow downward and also illuminates supplies inside.

ILLUSTRATIONS BY SCOTT ROGERS

“Planning this space was one of the biggest challenges – how to fit



before

The mirror fronts a medicine chest that’s set into the wall between the studs.

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1 TRUE CRAFTSMANSHIP Scott built the vanity from nine-ply furniture-grade Baltic birch plywood because he likes seeing the end grain when he opens the drawers. The hardware on the sliding shower door beautifully echoes the drawer pulls. **2 COMPACT & MIGHTY** This high-efficiency wall-mounted system takes care of all domestic hot water and space heating. **3 STEP RIGHT IN** The walk-in shower in the 5' x 7' bathroom has an integrated floor gently sloped for draining. Painted glass on the surround is the ultimate in easy maintenance (no grout lines!). **4 TRENDY TROUGH** The streamlined Toto basin has a sloping surface, sending water into a trench at the back to drain.

several functions into such a small footprint" SCOTT ROGERS, HOMEOWNER



below the surface

"Anything you do in a basement affects the whole house," says Scott. All the home's electrical, heating and plumbing systems converge there. He and Susan sketched a floor plan to accommodate three rooms and a hall in a 400 sq. ft. space. "But first we had to dig down 14" in order to gain 7" of headroom," Scott says. Going deeper would have necessitated underpinning the footings to preserve the integrity of the foundation – too time- and cost-prohibitive.

The couple replaced their aging furnace and hot water tank with a single compact system – a state-of-the-art wall-hung Munchkin boiler. "They're 50 to 100% more expensive than conventional systems, but in four to seven years you get full payback in fuel savings," says Steve Goldie of Noble Trade, the dealer Scott worked with. The savings were important to the couple, who recovered some of their costs by participating in an eco-retrofit program and taking advantage of government rebates, grants and tax credits (see below). WHERE TO FIND IT, PAGE 162

cash back for renovating!

Save money and help the environment by taking advantage of federal, provincial and municipal **rebates, grants and tax credits.** Homeowners Susan and Scott Rogers participated in EcoEnergy Retrofit, a Natural Resources Canada (NRC) program. Here's how it works: A government-accredited adviser does an energy evaluation of your home, then gives you a checklist of recommended retrofits that qualify for grants (e.g., insulating walls, replacing an inefficient furnace). Post-reno, the adviser inspects what you did and submits a report to the NRC for calculation of your grant. The report is copied to provincial programs, too, so there's a chance you'll get more refunds. Check out ecoaction.gc.ca and follow the links to EcoEnergy Retrofit.

Another option is the **Home Renovation Tax Credit:** On your 2009 tax return, you can claim 15% of the eligible renovation costs for work undertaken or goods acquired from Jan. 27, 2009, to Feb. 1, 2010. For details, visit cra-arc.gc.ca.

Also, be sure to check **municipal and provincial government websites** for more programs; there are lots! The City of Toronto, for instance, offers cash incentives for replacing your toilet with a water-efficient model and for installing a high-efficiency washing machine (both of which Susan and Scott did).



Rain shower tiles sit flush with the ceiling to allow for maximum headroom.



The single-lever faucet is an ultrasleek partner for the sculptural sink.



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Today's bathrooms are all about those little things that customize your personal sanctuary in a really big way. In spaces ranging from a tiny 36 sq. ft. powder room to a luxurious 175 sq. ft. master ensuite, get inspired to express your own individual style.





PRACTICAL MAGIC

A once-tiny upper-level bathroom is turned into a luxurious sanctuary, plus an out-of-sight laundry

In this makeover, Brian Hanes, a pro painter and wallpaper hanger, and his partner, Doug Cooke, transformed their small bathroom into a spacious, multifunctional retreat. "I wanted something cool and funky but not so trendy it would date," says Brian, who owns BPH Painting and Decorating, and does work for clients of Farrow & Ball. Partnering with two long-time collaborators, designer Lisa Sterio and contractor Grahame McNeill, he and Doug gutted the second level of their east-end home near Toronto's Little India neighbourhood. What they created is a new 10½' x 16' combo bathroom and laundry area that's contemporary yet classic, with a spacious shower, plenty of storage and heated floors. →

COSY CORNER A built-in marble bench at one end of the shower doubles as a place to store towels or display soaps and accessories. An enlarged window complements the dimensions of the shower and allows in light.

IN A BOX For the laundry room, designer Lisa Sterio carved out an 8' x 3' area that faces the shower. It's hidden behind floor-to-ceiling frameless wooden doors, which create a nook for the toilet.

WRITTEN BY DORIS MONTANERA. PHOTOGRAPHY BY VIRGINIA MACDONALD



SOPHISTICATED SOAKER Homeowner Brian Hanes wanted a freestanding tub with floor-mounted faucets, but a claw-foot tub was too traditional for the look he and partner Doug Cooke envisioned. This sleek version suits the room's modern elegance. Colourful art brightens neutral walls.



grand gestures

Designer Lisa Sterio of Sterio & Associates in Toronto offers tips for creating a bathroom with panache.

"Use real art, not pictures of bathtubs or shoes," says Lisa. "Hang something you'd see in your living room – except for family photos, which are too personal. Art makes a bathroom seem bigger and feel like an extension of your home. If the piece is big, it will give the room oomph."

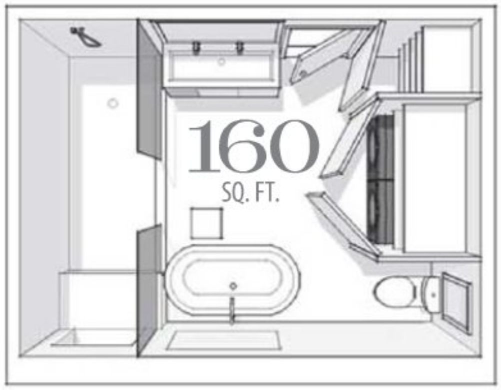
Opt for a chandelier rather than a typical ceiling fixture.

Change the knobs, hardware and/or faucets on a vanity.

Introduce a dark colour on the wall or floor. As long as a room gets good sunlight, a dark colour will add punch.

Be creative with wall and floor designs featuring stone, if your budget permits. "For example, lay tile on an angle for a diamond pattern," Lisa says.

"I didn't want the room to feel enclosed. I wanted it to be **big and bright, with lots of light"** BRIAN HANES, HOMEOWNER



bath & laundry







ILLUSTRATION BY SCOTT ROGERS

STYLISH TILE "We had the tile arranged in a herringbone pattern so it wasn't a boring wall," says Lisa. "Because of the size of the shower wall, a small pattern would have been too busy." Frameless glass in the shower ensures nothing detracts from the design. Dark stone, inlaid in the floor in a basket-weave pattern, picks up on the wood tones of the vanity and laundry doors. ROOM FOR TWO Space limitations forced the couple to rethink their plan of two sinks and vanities. The new single vanity has a trough sink and two faucets, so Brian and Doug each have their own space. Plus, its simplicity doesn't overpower the room, says Brian. Storage underneath maximizes space. The light fixture is attached directly to the mirror for a dramatic effect. "The mirror reflects the chandelier and the painting as well, making the bathroom feel bigger," Brian says. PROUD HOMEOWNERS Brian and Doug in their renovated family room, with floor-to-ceiling windows that offer a view of the Toronto skyline. The room was part of the second-floor makeover, which included reconfiguring the former washroom and den to create the new bathroom and laundry area. A GOOD FIT Tucked into a corner, the linen closet seamlessly blends in with the laundry area. Built-in walnut shelving matches the vanity – and the bathroom's elegant vibe. WHERE TO FIND IT, PAGE 162

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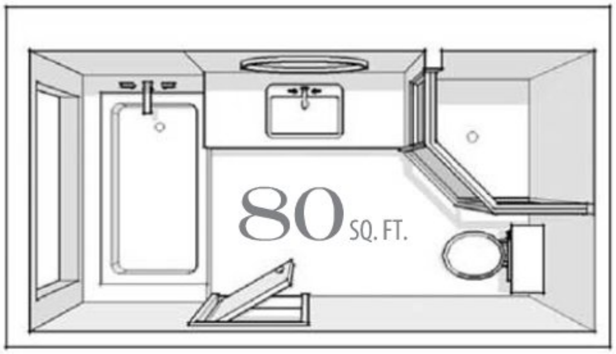
oversize tiles

These large wall tiles, which take on a green or blue tinge as the day progresses, help reflect light and make the compact bathroom feel bigger and brighter.

URBAN CHIC

WRITTEN BY SHERYL STEINBERG. PHOTOGRAPHY BY TED YARWOOD. ILLUSTRATIONS BY SCOTT ROGERS

For this boutique hotel-style bathroom in a Stouffville, Ont., model home, designer Yanic Simard worked within an "organic modern" theme aimed at a young, urban crowd migrating north from Toronto. He also had to make the room flow with the adjoining bedroom, which features a standout white headboard with an image of cherry blossoms. His solution? A tone-on-tone white palette that also makes the ensuite feel larger. "When you're designing with one colour, you have to play with texture," says Yanic. The result is a multilayered minimalist space that proves urban chic isn't just about where, but how, you live.



master ensuite

"The bathroom is understated for a reason. It's very relaxing – you feel like you're in a spa" YANIC SIMARD, DESIGNER







what was used

Vanity, Frendel Kitchens. Silestone quartz **countertop** in Blanco Maple, MC Stones. **Tiles:** Venezia white glass (wall), Olympia Tile & Stone; Aqua Bianco (floor), Deco-Tile. Azzura Adora **tub,** Mirolin. Boxe vessel **sink,** American Standard. **Faucets,** Delta Faucet. **Shower fixtures,** Brizo. Ralph Lauren **mirror,** Elte. Silene glass pendant **lights,** Eureka Lighting.

THE RIGHT INGREDIENTS Hung on a reinforced wall, the Ralph Lauren stainless-frame mirror anchors the ensuite and reflects the adjoining master bedroom. The kickplate on the clean-lined vanity was moved as far back as possible so it hides the plumbing while making the vanity look like it's floating. Open shelving for towels enhances the spalike feel. "In small bathrooms, there's usually no room for towels," says Yanic Simard, principal designer at Toronto Interior Design Group. **KEEP IT SIMPLE** With the exception of the maple vanity and silver-tone modern accents, the palette is white. For a clean finish, Yanic hung soft sheers, and mixed 12" x 24" glass wall tiles with 1" square mosaic tiles on the floor, tub surround and by the shower. **LIGHT SHOW** Inspired by the lighting in the Hilton Toronto, cylindrical, ribbed-glass halogen pendants add visual movement and energy to the room. **PAMPER PERFECT** For a luxurious upgrade, Yanic added a rain showerhead and body jets to the standard shower. The teak stool lends a warm touch. →

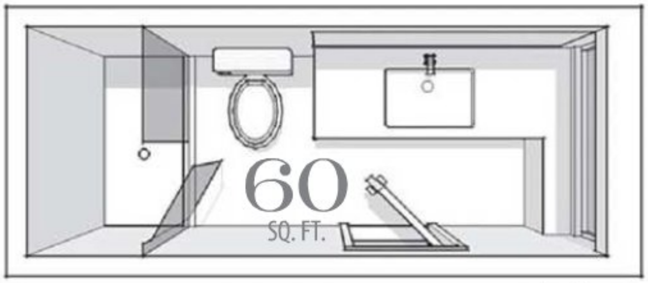


SOFT MOD

counter intelligence
The marble countertop was extended onto the low windowsill for continuity, and offers an extra spot for guests' toiletries and more.

WRITTEN BY SHERYL STEINBERG. PHOTOGRAPHY BY TED YARWOOD

Turning a kids' bathroom into a guest bath was part of the second-storey reno of an empty-nester couple's home in Toronto's Hogg's Hollow neighbourhood. This small yet bright grey-and-yellow space was given a friendly facelift that features clean square lines, "hidden" storage and an aura that says welcome. "I call the style 'soft modern,'" says decorator Liz Watkinson. "It's certainly contemporary, but not ultramodern."



guest bathroom

"A guest bath should have enough space for toiletries, good lighting and easy access to towel bars or hooks" LIZ WATKINSON, DECORATOR







what was used

Paint, Titanium OC-49 (walls), Benjamin Moore. Vanico Linea **vanity,** Kohler Kathryn undermount **sink,** Graff Solar **faucet,** Canaroma International. Desert Sky polished-marble **countertop, floor tiles,** York Marble. **Tiles:** Glacier Pebbled minibrick honed marble (backsplash), West Coast glass (wall), Ciot. Alico chrome **lights,** Eurolite. Millette Shaker Panel **door,** The Home Depot.

DRAWERS AT WORK Unlike a typical bathroom with cupboards, this one features a cantilevered white lacquered vanity with wide drawers that provide easy access to toilet paper, towels and other bathroom supplies. All the drawers are working, though the top middle one is smaller and U shape in order to fit around the plumbing. **SOFT FINISH** Neutral undertones in the Desert Sky polished-marble countertop and floor tiles are soft yet sophisticated. The minibrick honed-marble backsplash is an attractive complement. **DETAILED APPROACH** Decorator Liz Watkinson of 5th Business Associates carried through the contemporary rectilinear styling in every design detail, right down to the shower fixtures. She says she would have installed a cantilevered square toilet, too, if she could have; in the end, she chose one that's a little more squared than a regular oval. **WARM & SHINY** Finished in yellow glass tiles and gleaming polished-chrome hardware, this sunny shower is an inviting substitute for a tub. →



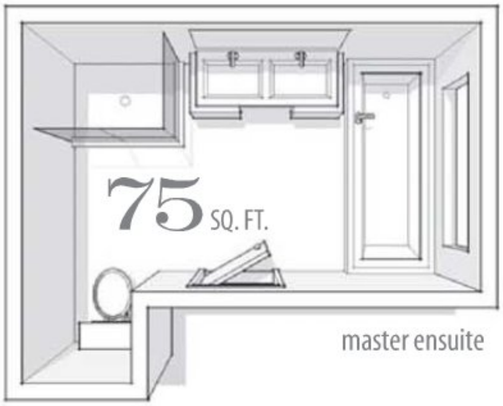
ECO CHIC

WRITTEN BY SHERYL STEINBERG. PHOTOGRAPHY BY SHANNON MENDES

his & her storage

There's such a savvy yet informal sensibility to this vanity. The large divided double vessel sink seems to sit on the his-and-her pods almost randomly. Now, that's West Coast cool!

Nothing was memorable about the old '80s bathroom in Port Moody, B.C. "It felt dark and closed-in, like a cave, plus the fixtures were polished brass," says Vancouver designer Ami McKay. Not anymore. By removing the wall between the shower and the sink and replacing most of the other standard builder's fare with traditional and contemporary elements (using no off-gassing materials), she created a bright space to stand the test of time. "I don't care about trends as much as I do about creating something beautiful that people will love for a long time," says Ami, who also designs the Pure sustainable furniture line.



master ensuite

"It's not a huge bathroom, but it *feels* big" AMI MCKAY, DESIGNER







what was used

Paint, AFM Safecoat nontoxic (matched to Benjamin Moore's White Down OC-131 on walls and Cloud White CC-40 on trim and ceiling), CBR Products. Cherry **vanities,** Millhouse Industries. Cascade **faucet, showerhead, towel rings,** The Elegant Bath Gallery. Aquatica **sink,** Ripples Kitchen & Bath. Bianco Carrara marble **tiles** (walls, floor, tub surround), Olympia Tile & Stone. Besa Lighting Iona pendant **lights,** Norburn Lighting & Bath Centre.

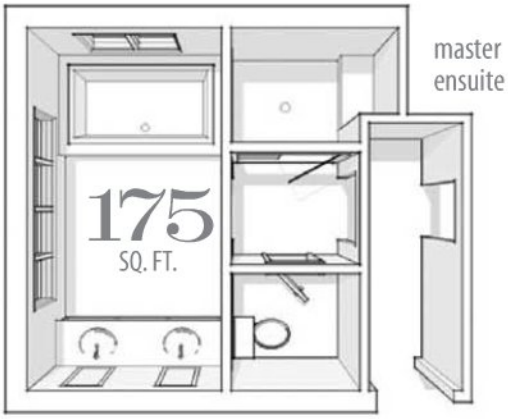
WHAT A KEEPER! The soaker tub is the only thing designer Ami McKay of Ami McKay Design kept from the old bathroom. Its rectilinear shape is perfect, she says, as are the Carrara marble tiles she used on the surround. "Carrara marble was used in the 1920s. When something's timeless, you don't need to change it." **SHAPE MATTERS** Cylindrical black-and-white glass pendants help divide the his-and-her space and are among the token round elements in this predominantly linear space. **NICE & NEUTRAL** Letting the sculptural vanity take centre stage, Ami selected neutral tiles (large polished Carrara marble tiles, coordinating tumbled Carrara marble mosaic tiles, and a basket-weave tile insert). **VANITY FLAIR** After donating their old vanity (which used to vent air through the kickplate), the homeowners replaced it with a pair of custom walnut-stained cherry "pods" that bookend the air vent on the floor. The cabinetry adds warmth, and plays with negative space, which Ami says "is as important as a solid object." →



RETRO RETURN

WRITTEN BY SHERYL STEINBERG. PHOTOGRAPHY BY STACEY BRANDFORD

Adding character to this ensuite wasn't about getting caught up in the latest fad. "Some people think they want a freestanding tub," says designer Karen Cole. "They find it trendy." She bucked that trend by giving this elegant master bathroom a window-side tub surrounded by greeny taupe glass mosaic tiles. In fact, she played with a variety of tiles (both reflective and matte) to add texture and personality to the walls and floors and to create a sophisticated backdrop for the custom dresser-inspired vanity. "The room's bright, clean and modern," says Karen, "but we still held onto a sense of the classic."



"Even though they're more expensive than cupboards, drawers are much more practical" KAREN COLE, DESIGNER





what was used

Paint, Old White 4 (walls, ceiling), New White 59 (cabinetry, trim), Farrow & Ball. **Mirrors, vanity,** ColeDuron Interior Design. **Drawer pulls,** Upper Canada Specialty Hardware. Incassin **sinks,** Soho sink **faucets,** Origami **tub,** Ginger's. **Tiles:** glass (backsplash, tub surround), porcelain (floor), marble mosaic (floor inset, shower floor), ceramic (shower walls), Antica Tile & Stone.

PRETTY & PRACTICAL All the vanity drawers were built around the plumbing and are functional, says ColeDuron Interior Design's Karen Cole. The mosaic mother-of-pearl tray on the marble countertop meshes beautifully with marble mosaic "rugs" set into the heated porcelain floor. Cylindrical faucets have modern appeal. **RESPECTING THE COMPETITION** East-facing windows, which overlook a ravine, are the first thing you see when entering the bathroom. Karen kept the tub area clean and simple so it works with rather than competes with the view. **BUILT-IN PLEASURE** In the shower, cream hand-moulded ceramic subway tile is intermingled with the same marble mosaic used on the floor by the vanity. A rain showerhead and built-in bench and niche add convenience and comfort. **CLOSE AT HAND** The bathroom is located within a large master suite and is just across the hall from the dressing room. →





powder room

> "I feel strongly about **making rooms functional first, then pretty.** You can have both"

SLOAN MAURAN, DESIGNER



STYLE FUSION

This powder room is a perfect blending of a couple's divergent tastes. "He's a midcentury modernist, while she's an old-world romantic," says designer Sloan Mauran, who paired a classic pedestal sink with a crisp round mirror and modern tree-motif wallpaper. The result? A warmer, more cohesive look than the room's previous incarnation, which featured green wallpaper, decorative wall plates and framed prints. WHERE TO FIND IT, PAGE 162

what was used

Larsen **wallpaper,** Primavera. **Sink, faucets,** Ginger's. Circa Lighting **sconces,** Elte. BDDW **mirror,** Hollace Cluny.

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what's new in bathrooms

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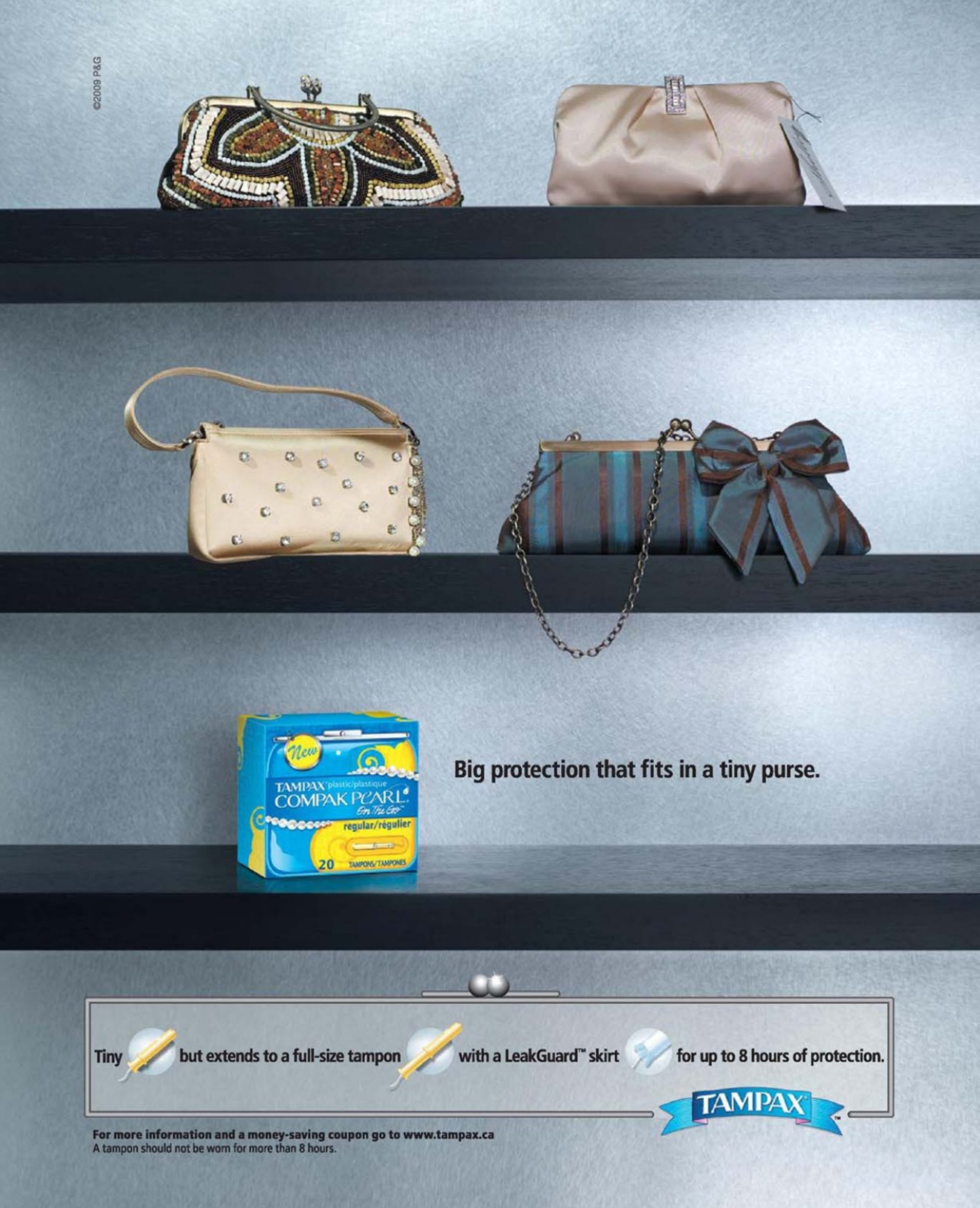
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think green!

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Author Laura Calder shares her love affair with French food and straightforward approach to preparing it. *Vive la belle cuisine!* Photography by James Ingram

vegetables *the french way*

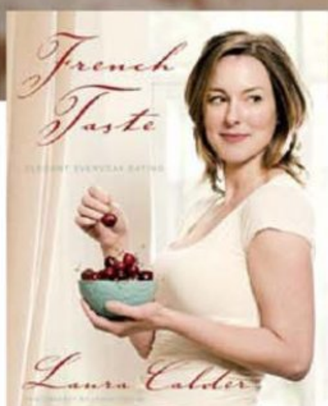
spicy beet bites



“The beets look great in candlelight, as do people”

LAURA CALDER

“The most important thing to take away from the French when it comes to food is their passion for pleasure,” says Laura Calder, host of Food Network Canada’s *French Food at Home*. Laura lived in France for a decade, working with cooking school doyenne Anne Willan. In her second book, *French Taste: Elegant Everyday Eating* ($40, HarperCollins), Laura demystifies Gallic gastronomy so that everyone can delight in cooking and consuming the pleasures of the table.



EXCERPTED FROM *FRENCH TASTE* BY LAURA CALDER (HARPERCOLLINS, 2009)

sweet & spicy hors d’oeuvres

“In France, beets are usually sold cooked, which is convenient as they do take a long time to prepare otherwise,” says Laura. “A baseball-size beet, for example, would have to be boiled, or roasted at 400°F, for about an hour, but then you could always buy smaller beets to speed things up. This is an original way to treat cooked beets. I love the crunch of the spices with the freshness of the coriander, rubbing up against the ruby sweetness of oil-glistened beet.” Laura serves these appetizers when Moroccan tajine is next on the menu. “They look great in candlelight, as do people,” she says.

SPICY BEET BITES

1 large beet, cooked and peeled
¼ cup olive oil
1 tsp coriander seeds
1 tsp cumin seeds
½ tsp ground cumin
½ tsp ras el hanout (optional)
¼ tsp cayenne pepper
½ tsp fleur de sel
Black pepper
A handful of fresh coriander, chopped

Cut the beet into ¾" cubes, and toss with the oil in a bowl. Gently toast the coriander seeds and cumin seeds in a dry frying pan over medium heat to release their aromas, 30 to 60 seconds. Tilt into a mortar and pestle, and crush the seeds slightly to release their flavour (not to turn them into powder, however). Add the ground cumin, ras el hanout (if using), cayenne, and salt and pepper, and toss with the beets to coat evenly. Cover and leave to marinate several hours in the fridge. Before serving (with picks, so you don’t get pink fingers!), bring to room temperature and toss with the chopped coriander.

Or, for a more formal presentation, as in the photo, simply dip one side of the beet cubes into the spice mixture and chopped coriander. Insert hors d’oeuvres picks to serve. **Makes about 4 servings**

ingredient note *Ras el hanout* means “head of the shop”; the spice mixture is so named because it refers to the spice-shop proprietor’s own mix, says Laura: “In other words, the mixture varies slightly by brand, but it will always have the fragrance of Middle Eastern cooking.” →



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accordian potatoes

elevate the everyday

"A woman I cooked with in the south of France taught me this method for potatoes, and I make them when I'm in the mood for a little fun," says Laura. "All you do is slice potatoes without cutting through all the way, so the slices remain hinged at the bottom. When the potatoes bake, the slices get crisp and golden, fanning out slightly like leaves in a book, like a jewelry box for rings, like the folds of a gypsy's accordion… However you want to think of them, they're awfully cute."

ACCORDION POTATOES

2 lb medium-small potatoes, such as Yukon Gold or red potatoes
Bay leaves and thyme sprigs
Salt and pepper
2 tbsp olive oil
2 tbsp melted butter

Heat the oven to 375°F. Cut the potatoes crosswise, as for hard-cooked eggs, into slices no thicker than your finger, but cut only about three-quarters of the way through. Lay the bay leaves and thyme between a few of the folds.

Arrange the potatoes on a rimmed baking sheet and season with salt and pepper to taste. Drizzle with olive oil and melted butter, and bake until golden and crisp on the outside and soft inside, 45 to 60 minutes. **Makes 4 servings**

succulent side

"I ate this marvellous side dish in the south of France, scribbled down my friend's recipe, then went home and made a disaster of it over and over again until I wanted to tear my eyes out," says Laura. "I couldn't understand what I was doing wrong: I layered everything, remembering to put the oily sautéed onions on the bottom to prevent burning and to keep the tomato slices on top so their juices would drip down through and keep everything moist, but still the dish refused to meld together in the 'confit' way I had experienced at my friend's place. Finally, after about a year, I cornered her in a restaurant and demanded the secret (I was the one buying lunch). It's not much of a secret, actually, but it makes all the difference in the world: the oven has to be blazing hot. The result is a dish of eggplant, zucchini, peppers, onions and tomatoes, cooked until the flavours have concentrated and the whole thing has melded together like something preserved."

TIAN OF PROVENÇAL VEGETABLES (photo, page 151)

Onions
Olive oil
Eggplant
Zucchini
Sweet peppers
Tomatoes
Salt and pepper

Sauté a couple of thinly sliced onions in olive oil. Chop up equal amounts of eggplant, zucchini, and coloured sweet peppers. Spread the sautéed onions over the bottom of a roasting pan or gratin dish. Layer in the vegetables, seasoning with salt and pepper as you go. Lay a proportional quantity of sliced tomato on top. Drizzle olive oil over top.

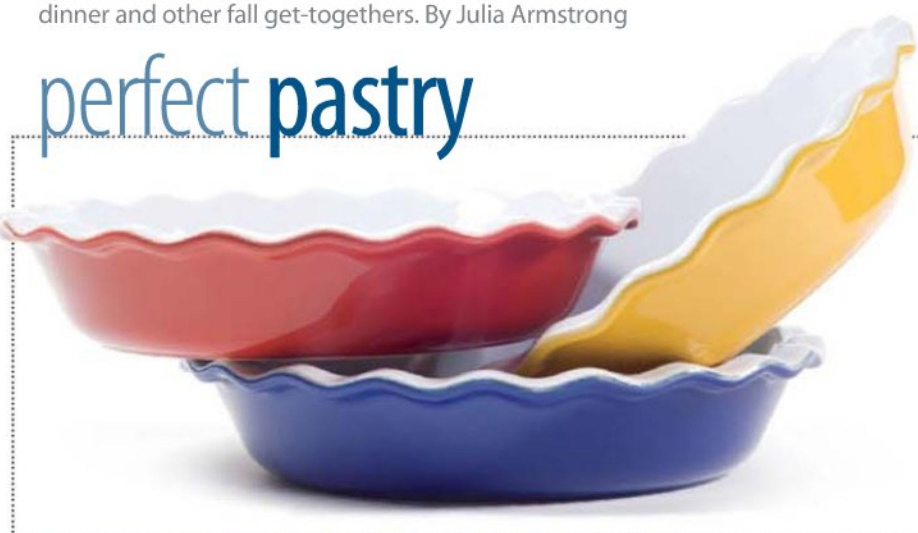
Bake in a 450°F oven until the liquid has evaporated and the vegetables have sunk into a deep-coloured confit, about 2 hours. Check the tian at halftime. If you find the top browning too quickly, cover it with foil and continue cooking. **Makes as much as your baking dish can hold**

for more recipes from french taste, go to styleathome.com/frenchtaste

Pumpkin pie, butter tarts, tart tatin – bake your flaky favourites to serve warm from the oven at Thanksgiving dinner and other fall get-togethers. By Julia Armstrong

perfect **pastry**


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Take your baking to the next level with our roundup of tools and resources.

1 pretty presentation Serve your golden-top masterpiece in a dish attractive enough to go from oven to table. EMILE HENRY CLASSIC COLOURS COLLECTION 26 CM PIE DISH IN CERISE, AZURE AND PASTIS $50 EACH, BROWNE & CO., 866-306-3672. (ALSO AVAILABLE IN 30 CM DEEP PIE DISH $60, AND 12 CM INDIVIDUAL PIE DISH $20.)

2 expert circles Measurements marked on this pastry mat make it easy to roll out the right-size shell. Bonus: it's nonstick! SILICONE PASTRY MAT $24, EVERYDAY STYLE, 866-378-4331; EVERYDAYSTYLE.COM.


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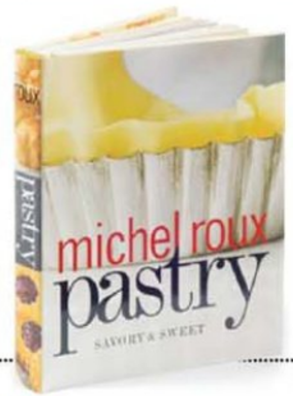
3 level measure Take the guesswork out of how thin is thin enough for pie shells and pizza bases. This pin has three sets of removable discs, which raise it to 2 mm, 6 mm or 10 mm above the work surface, depending on what your recipe calls for. JOSEPH ADJUSTABLE ROLLING PIN $35, FOX RUN CANADA, 800-383-0122.


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4 shape holders When "baking blind" – partially baking before filling – cover the bottom of the shell with pie weights to prevent shrinkage. CERAMIC PIE WEIGHTS (IN JAR) $18, WILLIAMS-SONOMA, WILLIAMS-SONOMA.CA.


5

5 self-cleaning cutter Cube your butter (it must be well chilled), then use a pastry blender to "cut" it into the flour until you have pea-size pieces of dough. You want to maintain these buttery bits since they will fluff up the crust during baking. A patented clip on this blender slides along the wires to remove butter and flour. WILTON BETTER BAKING YELLOW PASTRY BLENDER $8, CANADIAN TIRE, 866-746-7287; CANADIANTIRE.CA.



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6 pastry primer Learn from a French master whose dough-making career began at age 14. In step-by-step photos and tutorials, Michelin star chef Michel Roux shares a lifetime of secrets and tips, with recipes for every delight imaginable. *PASTRY: SAVORY & SWEET* BY MICHEL ROUX $25, WHITECAP BOOKS, 2009, WHITECAP.CA.


7

7 scraping the surface Among his top tools, author Michel Roux lists the pastry scraper – "for picking up and turning dough, cutting it in half and scraping down your work surface," he says. STAINLESS STEEL PASTRY SCRAPER $12, WILLIAMS-SONOMA, WILLIAMS-SONOMA.CA.


8

8 no-stick rolling *Patissier extraordinaire* Michel Roux favours a French-style (*sans* handles) rolling pin. This one has a silicone surface for easy cleanup. Michel's tip: Use light, even strokes; give the dough a quarter turn and flip it over a few times to keep it aerated. FRENCH STYLE SILPIN $40, FOX RUN CANADA, 800-383-0122.

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for another nifty gadget, visit WHERE TO FIND IT, PAGE 162



Cherri P.
Vancouver, B.C.
My dream: To be a teacher like my mom
My hobby: Creating sidewalk chalk art
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barrel-aged flavour

By Signe Langford

Aceto balsamico. Sounds pretty exotic. And at one time in North America – say, before 1980 – it was. But now you'll find balsamic vinegar in your corner store and on almost every menu, from fine dining to fast food.

In the grocery aisle, balsamic vinegars range from the real thing to mass-produced, unaged wine vinegar that's been all dolled up – with caramel, thickening agents and colourings – to look like balsamic. But true balsamico is something special. In Italy, its production falls under the auspices of a consortium, just like wine. The organization, Consorzio Produttori Aceto Balsamico Tradizionale di Modena, issues designations (Denominazione di Origine Protetta, or D.O.P.) and oversees grape growing and production practices, from fermentation to bottling and labelling.

But how do you know if that bottle in your hand is the real thing or not? Well, your first clue is the price; the real stuff isn't cheap. Also, look for the phrase *Aceto Balsamico Tradizionale di Reggio Emilia* or *di Modena* on the label (the latter will also say D.O.P.). And then, of course, read the ingredients. If anything has been added, it's not true balsamic.

Balsamico tradizionale is a simple and natural collaboration between man and nature. Grape juice is simmered to a thick, sweet concentrate, then fermented and aged in wooden barrels for many years – from a minimum of two up to 25 or more – before bottling. It's in these barrels, made from ash, cherry, oak, mulberry, acacia or chestnut wood, that the final product develops its trademark viscosity, sweetness, colour and rich, mellow flavour. And what about the price tag? Well, at the Cheese Boutique, a Toronto epicurean emporium, a 2.5 fl. oz bottle of 103-year-old balsamico sells for $800! Fret not – you can pick up a bottle of true balsamico for as little as $10. And that's what most of us want: a good, reasonably priced, everyday balsamic to use in vinaigrettes and marinades.

canadian balsamic? Can balsamico be the real article if it isn't from Italy? Sure, if it's made in the traditional method, and B.C. winemakers Venturi-Schulze (venturischulze.com) are proof! Giordano and Marilyn Venturi simmer grape juice over an open fire, then age the vinegar in large French oak barrels followed by smaller ones made of various woods from Modena. Besides the grapes, Giordano believes that passion and patience are key to making a balsamic that's good enough to drink. As his wife tells us, "Every once in a while, especially in quiet, special moments, he just savours some from a small glass."

the mother of all vinegars

Have you ever gone to use your vinegar only to be horrified by a slimy blob floating in the bottom of the bottle? Well, don't panic. It's just mother of vinegar. All vinegars are started the same way – with bacteria produced by sugar-eating yeasts. That bacteria, *acetobacter,* is known as mother of vinegar. It's completely harmless, so there's no need to throw the bottle away.



entertaining extras

drizzle on a dime

Use a bottle of the inexpensive stuff to make a reduction. Empty a 500 mL bottle into a deep saucepan and add ¼ cup real maple syrup or honey. Simmer over low heat, gently stirring often, until the liquid has thickened enough to coat the back of a spoon. Set it aside to cool. As it cools, it will continue to thicken. Using a funnel, transfer the reduction to a squeeze bottle and keep refrigerated. Kept cold and covered, it should last just about forever. Use this sweet and savoury syrup to dress grilled veggies sprinkled with goat cheese, fish dishes or even desserts. Yes, desserts – read on.

not just for salad

In Italy, a traditional dessert is made from fresh strawberries, a sprinkling of cracked black pepper and a drizzle of the finest balsamico the cook can afford.

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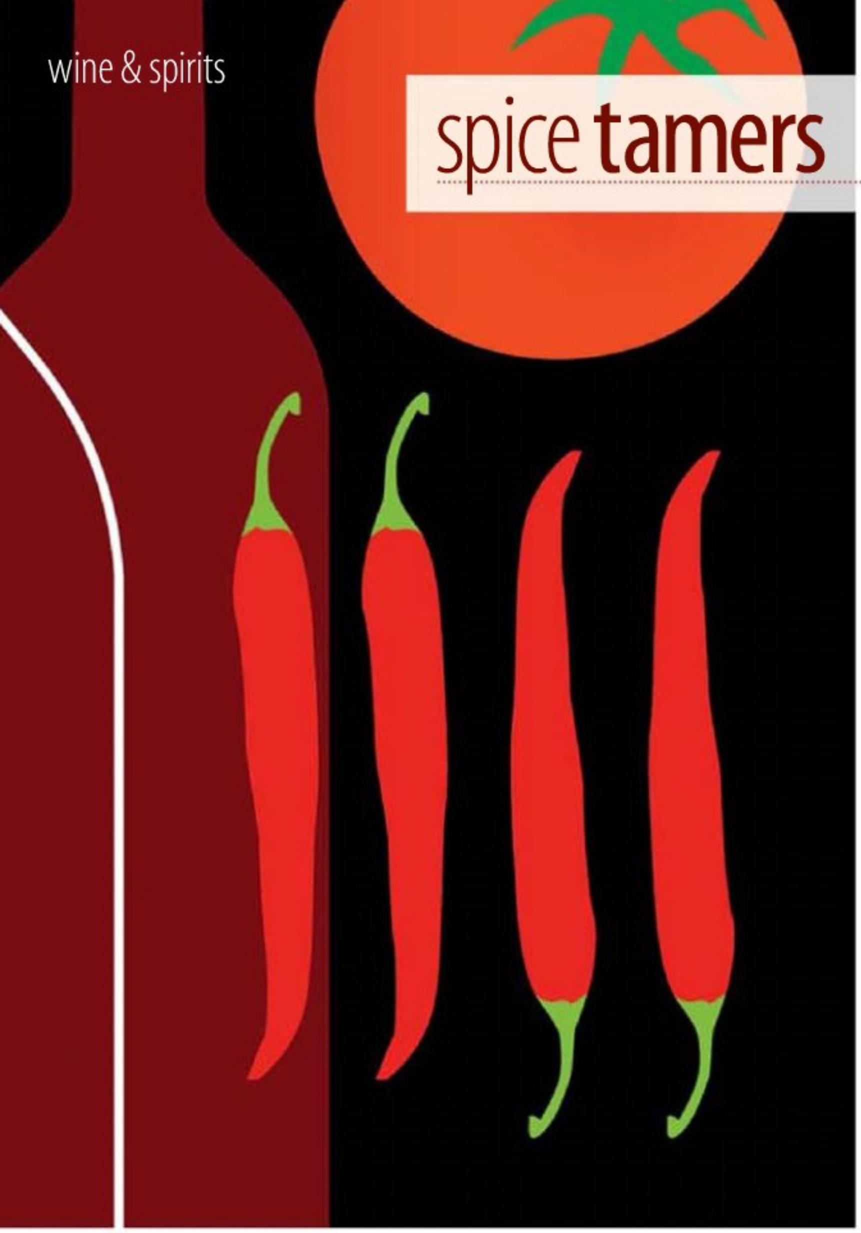
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spice tamers

Sommelier Astrid Young's strong attraction to exotic, spicy foods has sparked an endless search for spice-friendly wines. Here are our thoughts on dousing the heat of three different cuisines. By Konrad Ejbich

asian food

"Ingredients like ginger, chili peppers, raw scallions, cashews, lychee, soy sauce, fermented fish and black bean paste are tough on many wines, but those that survive shine," says Astrid Young. Look for wines with aromatic personality, such as Gewürztraminer, Torrontés, Muscat, Viognier and Chardonnay Musqué. Wines with a hint of residual sugar do best, and bonus points go to those with fuller body and richer mouth feel without resorting to excessive alcohol. **Trapiche Broquel Torrontés ($16)** Argentina's Salta province is home to this strong, aromatic white variety. Its floral aromas and solid mouth feel pair easily with spicy seafood, as well as sweet and tart dishes. **Malivoire Gewürztraminer ($25)** This rich, exotic wine showcases the Beamsville Bench district in Ontario's Niagara Peninsula. It's eyebrow-lifting with spicy barbecue pulled-pork sandwiches and hot stir-fries.

> "Pinot Noir goes with everything!"
> ASTRID YOUNG, SOMMELIER

mexican dishes

Switch from chili peppers to habaneros, toss in tomato and avocado slices and top everything with refried beans, and you have a whole new set of challenges in matching up the wines. Astrid likes the "low-acid fruit bombs" of Zinfandel. "Their brightness and high-toned berry flavours work their way to the surface, no matter how pungent the nosh," she says. **Scott Harvey Mountain Selection Zinfandel ($23)** From Amador County, California's premier Zin-growing district comes this wine with big, bold black raspberry tones, softly textured mouth feel, and long, elegant finish. **L.A. Cetto Petite Sirah ($12)** Who better to produce wine for Mexican cuisine than a local winery?

indian curries

"Big in the mouth" is how Astrid describes the cuisine of India. "Every dish is different, and so is every interpretation of the same dish. To stand up to these intense flavours and aromas, a wine must also have powerful and fresh fruit flavours," she says. The best overall wine for spicy food is Pinot Noir, but Astrid also likes the concentration of New World shiraz and Cabernet Merlots. **Ganton & Larsen Prospect Winery Fats Johnson Pinot Noir ($16)** This delicious lighter-style Pinor Noir is produced by Ganton & Larsen Prospect Winery in British Columbia's Okanagan Valley. **Penfolds Koonunga Hill Shiraz Cabernet ($16)** Australian shirazes have more concentrated fruit flavours than those from other regions. This one is no exception, with bold blackberry and black cherry notes, and a soft, easy finish.

how to beat the heat?



Astrid Young is a musician and sommelier. She's the wine director at Capers Brasserie & Wine Bar in Belleville, Ont., and manages the restaurant at The Devonshire Inn on the Lake in Wellington, Ont. She also consults on the wine list at the Kamasutra Indian Restaurant & Wine Bar in Toronto.

What's a good wine to tone down a spicy curry, a habanero-laden salsa, or a fiery Mongolian hotpot? Here's sommelier Astrid Young's advice.

Choose big, lush fruit flavours and soft tannins to balance hot and spicy foods.

Avoid wines with strong tannins, excessive acidity or high alcohol. They exacerbate the burn rather than alleviate it.

Save your expensive wines for other occasions; their delicately nuanced flavours are lost on hot and spicy foods.

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Design: *Pure Design*, hgtv.ca/puredesign. **Construction:** ReNew Construction, Toronto, 416-726-2594. **Paint:** Marilyn's Dress 2125-60 (walls), Cloud White CC-40 (trim), Benjamin Moore, 800-361-5898, benjaminmoore.ca; room painting, Sudbury Coatings, Thornhill, Ont., 905-731-5330. **Floral arrangements:** Teatro Verde, 888-483-2876; teatroverde.com. **Coffee table:** Frontier Sales Furniture, Toronto, 416-691-3300, frontiersales.ca; glass tabletop, Gerrard Glass & Mirror, Toronto, 416-924-0785, gerrardglass.com. Custom **sofa:** through designers, Silva Custom Furniture, Toronto, 416-638-9595; silva4home.com. Custom **club chairs:** through designers, Silva Custom Furniture (see above); fabric, Rembrandt cotton velvet in Cloud, Threadcount Textile & Design, 800-963-7590, threadcountinc.com. **Cushions:** sewing, Luxe, Toronto, 416-463-0215; fabric, Sincerity Mist (pale grey organic cotton), Tweed Chevron in Brick (orange), Down Pour in Azure (blue), Ultima in Copen (dark blue), through designers, Robert Allen, 800-363-3020, robertallendesign.com. **Fireplace:** Ecosmart Fire burner kit, Company B, Concord, Ont., 905-760-9987, ecosmartfire.com/canada; Excedra Calacatta silk-finish tiles, Stone Tile International, 866-669-1103, stone-tile.com. **Artwork:** by Marjolyn van der Hart, Case Goods, Toronto, 416-999-7252; marjolyn.com. **Drapery:** sewing, NGG Sewing, Concord, Ont., 905-739-1464; fabric, Down Pour in Terra, Rangella White, Kerala Graphite, through designers, Robert Allen (see above). **Floor lamps:** Restoration Hardware, 800-762-1005; restorationhardware.com. **Table lamp** (on dresser): base, Value Village, valuevillage.com; spray paint, Rust-Oleum Painter's Touch in Heirloom White, The Home Depot, 800-628-0525, homedepot.ca; drum shade, Restoration Hardware (see above). **Dresser:** Frontier Sales Furniture (see above); paint, Newburyport Blue HC-155, Benjamin Moore (see above); painting, JVM Interiors, Markham, Ont., 905-475-7008. Godfrey Hirst Brookhaven Natural 500 **carpet:** Carpet One Floor & Home, 800-227-7381; carpetone.ca. Scratch Ice **rug:** ModernWeave, 888-365-0335; modernweave.com. **Pedestal bowl:** AT Design Group, Toronto, 416-323-0323; atdesignhome.com. Orange **tray:** Hermès, Montreal, 514-842-3387; Toronto, 416-968-8626; Vancouver, 604-681-9965.

GUEST SWEET

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Paint: Antiguan Sky 2040-60 (walls), Oxford White CC-30 (ceiling), Benjamin Moore, 800-361-5898; benjaminmoore.ca. **Vanity, tile, mirror, chandelier, console, toilet, tub, sink faucet, towel bar, robe hook:** The Home Depot, 800-628-0525; homedepot.ca. **Flooring:** wooden planks, The Home Depot (see above); paint, Hazy Blue 2040-50, Benjamin Moore (see above). **Wainscotting:** wooden planks, The Home Depot (see above); paint, Oxford White CC-30, Benjamin Moore (see above). **Shower curtain:** Restoration Hardware, 800-762-1005; restorationhardware.com. **Robe:** The Bay, thebay.com. **Rug, towels:** HomeSense, 866-466-3707; homesense.ca. **Greeting cards, wrapping paper:** Paper-Ya, Vancouver, 604-684-2531; paper-ya.com. **Bath products:** Chapters and Indigo Books & Music, chapters.indigo.ca. **Soap dish, soap, warmer, canteen, drinking glass:** Walrus, Vancouver, 604-874-9770; walrushome.com. **Mug, doll:** Momiji, momijishop.com.

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STYLISH CENTURY HOME

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Design: North 46 Architecture, Charlottetown, n46.ca. DINING ROOM **Table:** design, North 46 Architecture (see above); construction, Glenroy Fine Furniture, Mount Stewart, P.E.I., 902-676-2266. **Upholstered dining chairs:** Restoration Hardware, 800-762-1005; restorationhardware.com. KITCHEN **Paint:** Bracken Cream Medium Light CW707 (walls), Pratt & Lambert, 877-772-8898; prattandlambert.com. **Cabinets:** Joe Dunphy Custom Woodworking, Morell, P.E.I., 902-961-2848; paint, Bracken Cream Medium Light CW707, Pratt & Lambert (see above). CaesarStone **countertops:** Nova Tile and Marble, Dartmouth, P.E.I., 902-468-2945; ntmgranite.ca. **Faucet:** Grohe Canada, 888-644-7643; grohe.com. **Pendant lights:** LBL Lighting, 800-323-3226; lbllighting.com. HOME OFFICE **Paint:** Wethersfield Moss HC-110 (cabinets), Benjamin Moore, 800-361-5898; benjaminmoore.ca. Leather **chairs:** Attica Furnishings, Halifax, 902-423-2557; attica.ca. Casino **chandelier:** LBL Lighting (see above). LIVING AREA **Paint:** Designer White 33-1 (trim, baseboards), Pratt & Lambert (see above). **Artwork:** *Sunday Row* by John Neville, Houston North Gallery, Lunenburg, N.S., houston-north-gallery.ns.ca. **Built-ins:** Joe Dunphy Custom Woodworking (see above). **Drum pendant:** Quorum International, 800-443-4626; quoruminternational.com. BATHROOM **Paint:** Durango 33-24 (walls), Deep Charcoal 25-18 (cabinets), Pratt & Lambert (see above). **Faucet:** American Standard, 800-387-0369; americanstandard.ca. **Vanity light:** Quorum International (see above). MASTER BEDROOM **Drum pendant:** Quorum International (see above).

MODERN FAMILY LIVING

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Design: Sloan Mauran Interior Design, Toronto, 416-924-2426; sloanmauraninteriordesign.com. **Floral arrangements:** Emblem, Toronto, 416-972-9878. LOUNGE AREA **Sofa:** design, Sloan Mauran Interior Design (see above); Holly Hunt fabric, Pollack cushion fabric, through designers, Primavera, Toronto, 416-921-3334, primavera.ca. Barcelona **chairs:** Hollace Cluny, 888-968-7660; hollacecluny.ca. **Ottoman:** through designers, A. Rudin, arudin.com. Duchamp table **lamp:** Studio B, Toronto, 416-363-2996, Oakville, Ont., 905-337-9494, studiobhome.com; shade, Eric & Susan Custom Lampshade Makers, Toronto, 416-482-0282, eric-susan.com. **Boxes, dog sculpture:** Absolutely, Toronto, 416-324-8351; absolutelyinc.com. **Ostrich eggs:** Angus & Company, Toronto, 416-537-4104; angusandcompany.com. WORK AREA Round **table, drapery:** Sloan Mauran Interior Design (see above). **Desk:** Decorum Decorative Finds, Toronto, 416-966-6829. Sarah Richardson **chair:** Hollace Cluny (see above). Diamond **chest:** Studio B (see above). **Lamp, clock:** Absolutely (see above). **Tea caddy, books, compote:** Angus & Company (see above). DINING AREA **Dining table,** Sarah Richardson **chairs:** Hollace Cluny (see above). **Sideboard:** design, Sloan Mauran Interior Design (see above); fabrication, Hollace Cluny (see above). Plynyl **rug:** Y & Co., Montreal, 514-287-8998; Toronto, 416-968-7700; ycocarpet.com. **Horns, decanters, cocktail shaker:** Absolutely (see above). **Tray:** Elte, 888-276-3583; elte.com. **Martini shakers:** Angus & Company (see above). Lightjet **print:** by Cara Barer (above fireplace), Tatar Gallery, Toronto, 416-360-3822; tatargallery.com. Quartz **votive holder:** L'Atelier, Toronto, 416-966-0200. Antler **candleholder:** Decorum Decorative Finds (see above). MASTER BEDROOM **Paint:** Skylight 205 (walls), Farrow & Ball, 877-363-1040; farrow-ball.com. **Headboard:**

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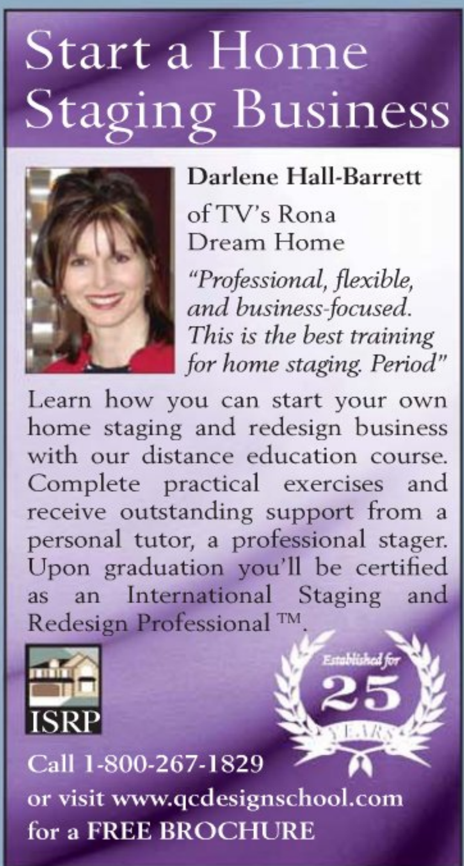
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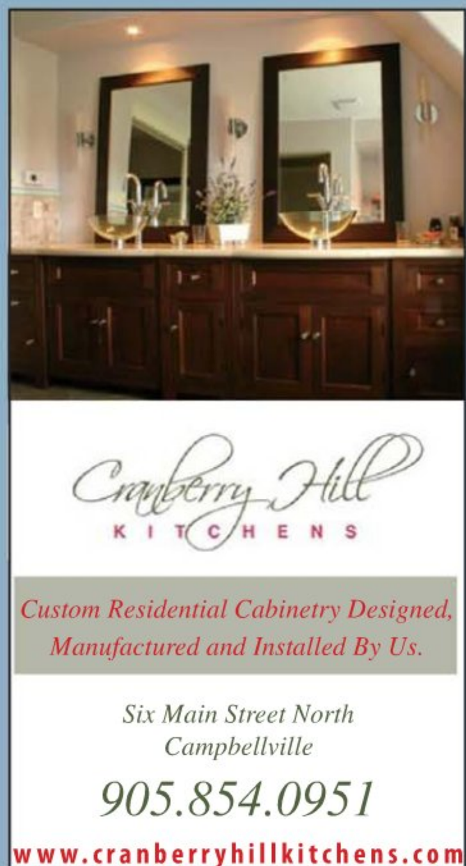

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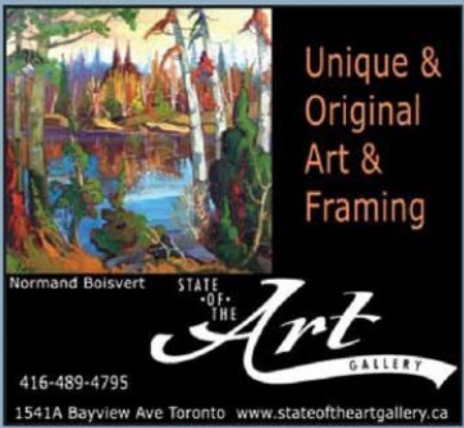

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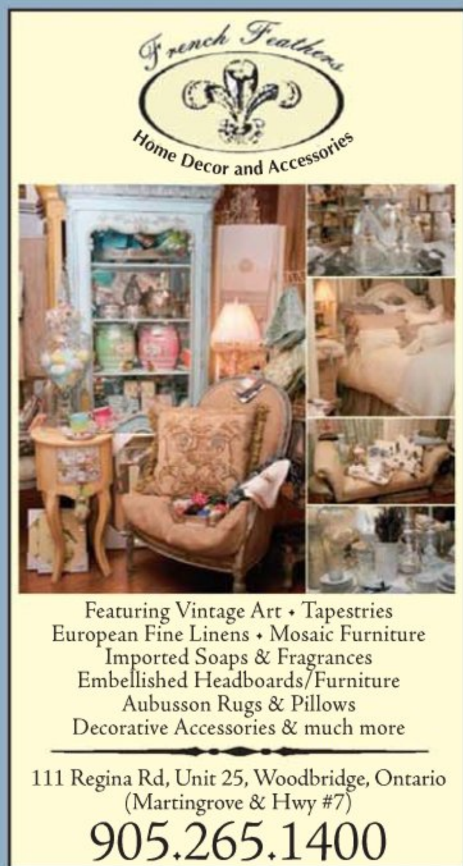

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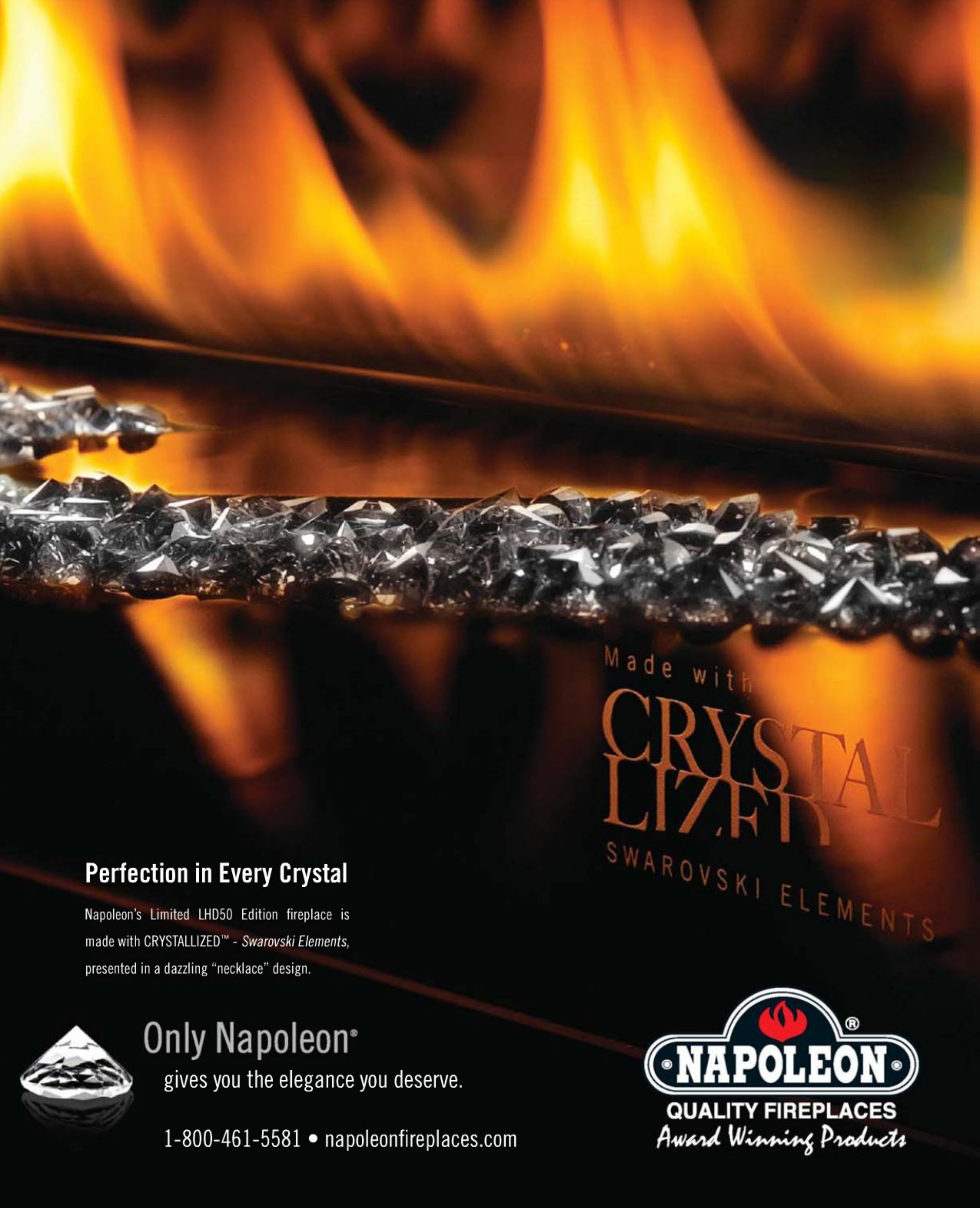
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Project manager: SRPM, Toronto, 416-421-0899; srpminc.com. **Plumbing and heating installation:** Park Lane Plumbing, Toronto, 416-533-1186. **Boiler, water heater:** Noble Trade, 800-529-9805; nobletrade.ca. **Electrical:** Halling Electrical, Toronto, 416-762-9190. **Insulators:** Jerry's Insulating, 877-504-7283; jerrysinsulating.com. Walltite Eco **insulation:** BASF Corporation, walltite.com. **Paint:** Barren Plain 2111-60 (walls), Calm 2111-70 (ceilings), Benjamin Moore, 800-361-5898; benjaminmoore.ca. **Stain:** custom colour (on stairs), Reim Custom Paints, 888-686-7346. **Painting:** Ingrid Roehm, Toronto, 416-970-9308. Exterior **side door,** vinyl awning **windows:** JELD-WEN Windows and Doors, jeld-wen.ca. Primed 3050 **sliding doors:** Milette Doors, 800-567-2931, milettedoors.com; paint, Stone Harbour 2111-50, Benjamin Moore (see above); Dekkor **pulls,** Summerhill Hardware, 888-444-3292, summerhillhardware.com. **Floor finishing:** Concrete Your Way, Toronto, 416-564-9754; concreteyourway.com. **Upholstery:** Princess Perfect, Toronto, 416-465-0821; princessperfect.ca. **Framing:** State of the Art Gallery, 866-743-5065; stateoftheartgallery.ca. TV/GUEST ROOM Manstad **sofa bed:** IKEA, 866-866-4532, ikea.ca; Square Pegs fabric in Sterling, Sensuede II piping in Granite, through designers, Robert Allen, 800-363-3020, robertallendesign.com. **Cushions:** Crystal Lake fabric in Lacquer (patterned), Dunborne fabric in Canyon (solid), Sensuede II piping in Brugge, through designers, Robert Allen (see above); Granat (on floor), IKEA (see above). **Ottoman:** Crystal Lake fabric in Lacquer, Sensuede II piping in Brugge, through designers, Robert Allen (see above). Alvine Flor **bed linens,** Dvala **sheet set,** Hampen **rugs:** IKEA (see above). **TV:** Panasonic Canada, 800-561-5505, panasonic.ca; Thinstall TV bracket, Chiefmounts Canada, 877-345-4329, chiefmounts.ca. **Desk, chair:** lacquering, Pride Restoration, Toronto, 416-224-0000; chair fabric, Dunborne in Canyon, through designers, Robert Allen (see above). LAUNDRY/CRAFT ROOM Dacke **island,** Staron **countertops,** Rubrik **cabinet doors in white,** Abstrakt **cabinet doors in red,** Kassett **storage boxes,** Rationell **drawer pullouts,** Bestå Burs **cabinet in black,** Akurum **cabinets,** Rationell **shelf lighting,** Numerar **laundry sink,** Hovskar **faucet:** IKEA (see above). **Backsplash:** Adanac Glass, 800-458-4462; adanacglass.com. Henriksdal **bar stool:** IKEA (see above); fabric, Crystal Lake in Lacquer, through designers, Robert Allen (see above). **Artwork:** *Blue January/Horseshoe Valley Road* (under window) by Mary Anne Ludlam, Roberts Gallery, Toronto, 416-924-8731; robertsgallery.net. Magic Number **pots:** Anthropologie, anthropologie.com. GE Profile **washer** with SmartDispense **and dryer:** GE Appliances, stopguessing.ca. BATHROOM Toto Eco Lloyd **toilet and mixing valve trim,** Toto **lavatory and faucet:** Noble Trade (see above). **Hardware, shower door:** Adanac Glass (see above). AquaBrass **showerhead:** Taps Bath Centre, Toronto, 800-263-2976; Mississauga, Ont., 866-899-8801; tapsbath.com. **Artwork:** *Ontario Sketch Series Dec 81 #6* (beside shower, top) and *Cartwright's Barn* (beside shower, bottom) by Robert Anderson, Roberts Gallery (see above). White **towels:** President's Choice Home Collection, pc.ca.

BATH STYLE

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PRACTICAL MAGIC **Design:** Sterio & Associates, Toronto, 416-417-5806. **Construction:** McNeill Custom Building, Toronto, 416-526-4226. **Windows:** Ridley Windows, Toronto, 416-742-3546; ridley-windows.com. LAUNDRY/BATH AREA **Paint:** Oxford White CC-30 (walls), Benjamin Moore, 800-361-5898; benjaminmoore.ca. **Washer, dryer:** Sears, sears.ca. **Tub, faucets, toilet, sink:** Roman Bath Centre, Toronto, 416-787-1219; romanbathcentre.com. **Stool, soap dish, white cup, mirrored tray** (on bench), **white tray, towels, laundry sheets:** Restoration Hardware, 800-762-1005; restorationhardware.com. **Artwork, silver cup** (with flower), **garbage pail** (in linen closet), **silver bucket** (in laundry area),


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